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## BLAZE DESTROYS STORE BUILDING.

### Asa Steyer Burned Out and R. B. Shaw's House Badly Damaged.

### THE LOSS ABOUT $2,800.

**Contents of Store Completely Destroyed Besides Household Goods Belonging to Mr Steyer—Two Frozen Links of Hose Cause Delay**

Fire at 1 30 o clock on Sunday morning completely destroyed the building and store conducted by Asa Steyer on Fairview avenue and owned by R. B Shaw, and also badly damaged the six room house occupied by Mr and Mrs R. B. Shaw adjoining the store building The Shaws place their loss at $2 800 with $1 500 insurance

The fire was discovered by Joseph Halfhill His wife had been ill and the window had been lifted in order to ventilate the room The smoke from the burning building came through this and awakened Mr Halfhill, who in his night clothing aroused the neighborhood and turned in the alarm Three alarms were turned in The response on the part of the firemen was slow Fire Chief Mitchell having failed to hear the alarm as well as several other members of the department. When they did arrive however effective work was done The New Haven department responded also, and the Connellsville department hauled their apparatus from Main street to the blaze

Considerable time was lost in getting water on the building owing to two frozen links of hose having been placed in the hose line Fire Chief Mitchell stated this morning that the hose had been loaned to a citizen to clean a choked sewer which is customary, and was supposed to have been returned to the wagon in good order

After the frozen hose was taken from the hose line two good streams of water were thrown onto the building occupied by Mr and Mrs Shaw and the adjoining building of Clark Collins Jr The Collins dwelling was not damaged to an extent only a portion of the gable having been burned All the furnishings were carried from the Shaw home but it was completely water soaked The roof of the house was burned off

The building in which Steyer conducted the store burned completely The first floor was occupied by a store and the second floor was used for storage purposes he having quite a large amount of household goods stored there Steyer carried $1 500 insurance on his stock

The origin of the fire is not known When Steyer closed his store on Saturday night he says there was a small coal fire burning in the stove in the center of the store This seems to have been the point of origin of the fire, but Mr Steyer can hardly believe it was caused by the fire from the stove

During the fire a large tank of oil which was located in the basement about the centre of the building exploded and added to the fury of the flames but the firemen renewed their efforts to save the adjoining houses and were very successful Residents from all over the Pinnacle turned out thinking that the whole of Fairview avenue would be swept by the fire

Fire Chief Mitchell stated to a reporter for The Courier that the alarm gong which is intended for the residence of the Chief has never been put in his home but is still at the home of W H Marietta former Chief The gong is part of the Gamewell equipment installed in Connellsville Mitchell says and rightfully belongs in his home as long as he is Chief A request to have the alarm moved Chief Mitchell says was refused The matter will likely come up at tomorrow's meeting of Council

### DIED OF PNEUMONIA

**Little Son of Mr and Mrs John Detemple on Sunday**

George Lewis Detemple son of Mr and Mrs John Detemple, died Sunday morning of pneumonia aged one month and six days The child had been sick for two weeks

The funeral took place on Monday from the home of his parents No 223 West Fayette street Interment in St Joseph's Cemetery

### Died in Ohio

Mrs Elizabeth Jones Carson aged 79 years a former well known resident of North Union township died at Fernwood O January 12 She is survived by two brothers and four sisters

### After Intemperate Employes

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has started a crusade against intemperate employes

### HOME WEDDING

**Of Miss Malissa Artis and David Stephens on Friday**

David Stephens B & O car inspector and Miss Malissa Artis daughter of Mr and Mrs Emory Artis were united in marriage Friday evening at 5 30 at the home of the bride on Connell avenue Rev David Jones pastor of the Methodist Protestant church officiated Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony

The wedding was followed by a prettily appointed wedding dinner Mr and Mrs Stephens will reside on Fairview avenue

## BUM QUESTION.

**Local Police Are After Information On It From the County Commissioners.**

The police department have sought the advice of the County Commissioners relative to some solution of the 'bum question A police investigation Sunday morning disclosed between 80 and 100 tramps housed in the neighborhood of the Davidson ovens There were tramps assembled in other parts of the town especially along the railroads

Burgess Soisson has recently been giving the tramp question some attention In the past few weeks this undesirable population has been increasing and it is simply impossible to have the police arrest all of them and house them in the police station There have been upwards of twelve sleepers housed every night at the police station and this number has frequently been as high as 30 men The coke ovens have been crowded at night

The matter has been taken up with the County Commissioners in the hope that a series of raids by the officers of the town and county will drive the tramps from this section It is feared however that the Commissioners will not take kindly to the housing of a hundred tramps for 0 days and the tramps it is feared too would be only too well pleased to be taken into custody

## CAUGHT THIEF.

**J G Gorman Notified by Unknown Party That Man Had Stolen Pair of Rubbers**

John Newman of Philadelphia is in jail charged with the larceny of a pair of rubbers from the store of Gorman & Company on Main street and J G Gorman is making a strenuous effort to locate the party in the First National Bank building who telephoned him that the fellow who left your store stole a pair of rubbers from in front it"

Newman was in the store Saturday afternoon but did not purchase anything As he went out he took a pair of rubbers from off a hook and went on Mr Gorman answered the telephone call and then hurried after the man whom he found hiding back of the Soisson theatre He corralled him and was taking him to the police station when the fellow bucked Another citizen helped him with the man and he was locked up Newman had one of the rubbers on his foot and the other in his pocket

Before Squire Miller he admitted stealing the shoes He was of German descent and Squire Miller made a remark to Officer Pottler about the Dutch Newman taking the Squire for an Irishman gave him a lecture in a not overly refined vocabulary It was more severe than he ever handed out to a culprit

## OVERCOAT MYSTERY.

**Three Men Engaged in Suspicious Work Placed Under Arrest by the Police.**

A mystery involving an overcoat awaits solution at the police station Three negroes are under arrest all having been mixed up in the deal Joseph Johnson of Johnstown Mitchell Bergains of Mt Pleasant and Collins Scott of Scottdale are the men under arrest. The police on Saturday evening noticed Bergains going about the street with a fairly good overcoat endeavoring to sell it for a dollar He finally disposed of it to Collins Scott Both men were placed under arrest as suspicious characters Bergains said that he got the coat from Joseph Johnson and then Johnston was arrested

Johnson said that he came by the coat honestly but the police are doubtful about his statement and are making an effort to locate someone who has lost an overcoat. The officials at Johnstown will be consulted as to Johnson's record there

### Dick Out for Treasurer

Lloyd L Dick of West Newton cashier of the Farmers & Merchant Bank is a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer in Westmoreland county

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

### Superintendents and Principals in Session Saturday.

### PAPER OF MRS M. E. DAIGH

**Librarian of the Carnegie Library at This Afternoon's Session—Those Who Are Taking Part**

The Round Table Conference which was held Saturday at the Carnegie Free Library by the superintendents principals and teachers of schools opened at 0 o clock with a large attendance The morning session was conducted by R K Smith of Dawson supervising principal of the Dunbar township schools The opening number of the program discussed was Should Algebra be Taught in the Grade Preparatory to High School?" by F G Masters principal of the Connellsville High School F C Kelly principal of the Dunbar township High School gave a talk on What Difference If Any May There Safely be in the Discipline of the High School and the Grades?" George H Bell principal of the South Side Connellsville school talked on How Much time should pupils of the eighth grade devote to study outside of school?"

How many pupils be trained to self government?" was discussed by Prof J Buell Snyder of the Perryopolis High School

W H Kretchman principal of the Meyersdale schools gave a talk on Ought teachers be expected to attend summer schools?" G W Finch principal of the Uniontown High School Aim to Be a College Preparatory School of the People's College?"

The session then adjourned until 1 0 in the afternoon when it opened with a much larger attendance than that of the morning session Many educational instructors being present who were unable to attend in the morning A conference of teachers principals grammer grades and High School teachers conducted by C J Scott of Uniontown opened the session O O Sayler Principal of the Bridgeport schools gave a talk on What Should Be the Basis Upon Which Teachers Salaries Should Be Paid Experience Excellence or Scholastic Attainment?

Talks were also given in the afternoon by Hon J S Carroll of Dunbar F C Cords Principal of the Mt Pleasant school Dr I N Deahl Professor of Pedagogy at the West Virginia University Dr J C Hockenberry Professor of Pedagogy at the California State Normal R K Smith Supervising Principal of the Union town schools Miss Gertrude Myers of Connellsville Miss Carrie Voss of Mt Pleasant Miss Gene Townsend of Uniontown Miss Edith Davis of Connellsville Miss Etta Berger primary teacher in the New Haven schools had charge of the primary teachers conference which was held in the club room of the Carnegie Library

In her address in the afternoon Mrs M E Daigh Librarian of the Carnegie Library said in part

When Prof Dieffenbach asked me to tell you what the library can do for the teachers I I have been in Connellsville only about twenty four hours I did not know what specific promise our library could make but knowing the general things any library is able to do I unhesitatingly consented to speak to you on this subject

On request we give to teachers in Connellsville and to those outside the borough limits who are willing to pay 5 cents a year a special card on which as many as five books may be taken out for ten weeks ... These books may be kept two weeks and if not in demand at the expiration of the time limit may be renewed Later I hope to be able to increase the number of books and to permit you to keep them for one month if desired

For the children of the Connellsville schools of grades No 1 2 and we have a story hour every Friday afternoon at fifteen minutes past three For those outside the borough limits this story hour is repeated on Saturday mornings at 10 o clock

It has been said that the children derive nothing from the literary value of the story comes simply to hear the story But whether they come for the story for one reason or another is of no consequence What is of consequence is that the child shall hear good stories and thereby form the taste that will eventually give him the power of selection of what is best

Pupils outside the borough limits are permitted to take books by paying the regular two dollar fee It is my intention to use this money for buying new books and for additional copies of those we have which are in demand for the use of teachers and pupils

### 300 Men at Work

Fire has been lighted under tank No 2 at the Bellevernon plant of the American Window Glass Company The tank house was destroyed by fire July 2 During the past six months the plant has been materially improved

### Accidentally Shot Himself

Arlie Boord aged 24 years of Dunbar township, accidentally shot himself Friday while shooting rats in his father's barn

### FATHER IS ILL

**As Result of Children's Death by Drowning at Jimtown**

Daniel Fulmer father of Elizabeth and William Fulmer who were drowned last week while skating near their home at Jimtown is seriously ill due to the accident Mr Fulmer bore up until yesterday when he collapsed and is now under a physician's care

All the funerals of the victims were held at Dawson and Hickory Square church Saturday

## FARMERS' TALKFEST.

### Union Club Decide Women of Today Are Better Fancy Cooks

### THAN WERE OUR GRANDMOTHERS

**The Keeping of Good Resolutions and Clearing House Checks Also Came in for Discussion at the Meeting at C S Freed's Saturday**

Thirty five members of the Union Farmers Club of Fayette county were present Saturday at the regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mr and Mrs C S Freed at Highland Farm Dunbar township One of the weighty questions decided was that the women of today are better fancy cooks than our grandmothers The latter however were credited with cooking good old home dishes that could not be beaten by all the fancy dishes served by a regiment of cooking school experts

The meeting was the first one of the new year and was a most interesting one The morning session convened at 11 o clock with the newly elected president S W Dunn presiding The other new officers for the year are Vice President J H Junk Recording Secretary L E Arnold Corresponding Secretary Mrs Anna Gilchrist and Treasurer Mr Susan H Smith The morning session was taken up by the regular routine business after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where an elegant dinner was served by the hostess assisted by her daughters Miss Mary and Sarah Freed

The program for the afternoon session was taken up after dinner W R Swearingen gave an interesting talk on Is there a scarcity of money and if so what has caused it? What has caused our factories and coke works to close down was the subject of a talk given by John Gilchrist A C Oglevee gave a talk on Clearing House and Clearing House Checks The next periods were taken up by the queries which were as follows Are the women of today better cooks than our grandmothers? Miss Agnes Junk Is there any good to be derived from resolutions if we keep them? S W Dunn

The program was interspersed with several musical selections rendered by Misses Mary and Sarah Freed L E Arnold Miss Gilchrist Mrs Joseph Means and Watson Dunn The program as a whole was an unusually interesting one and the meeting was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the club The next meeting will be held Saturday February 15 at the home of Mr and Mrs William A Bryson near Uniontown The guests present were Mr and Mrs Lannie Leighty and two children Byron and Loretta of Dunbar township William Munst of Uniontown Mr and Mrs Joseph Means Mr and Mrs Walter Freed of Vanderbilt and Mrs Dinnath Haggerty of Dickerson Run

## POINTED QUERY

**Directed to County Officials by Wm G Sharpnack Who Wants Constables and Bloodhounds**

UNIONTOWN Jan 20—William G Sharpnack of Masontown has addressed a pointed letter to the judges of the court the County Commissioners and the District Attorney asking why they did not use their influence to have a detail of the State Constabulary located in the Klondyke in an effort to suppress crime in that territory He recites that there are 16 coal and coke plants in the immediate neighborhood and that there are 40 State Constables located at Greensburg He wants to know why the county officials cannot secure three to be located at Masontown to keep in touch with the county officials and drive the suspicious and lawless characters from the region

He also suggests that the county purchase bloodhounds and employ trailers who could be accomodated at the County Home and who could immediately set upon the trail of criminals The letter concludes with a long list of infractions of the law that have occurred in the Masontown district

## CASES ARE NOT READY

### Judge Umbel Compelled to Adjourn His Court Until The Afternoon.

### AN UNUSUAL ROAD PETITION.

**Garrett County Md, Man Who Has No Outlet to His Property Wants Fayette County to Provide Him One Mary Logue Sentenced to Pay Costs**

UNIONTOWN Jan 20—The second week of the December adjourned court was scheduled to start this morning, but the trial list that was called over and cases ready for trial today noted at this time were not ready and Judge R E Umbel was forced to adjourn his session of court until this afternoon when it is hoped to have a case ready for trial In Judge Van Swearingen's court it was also impossible to get a case up

Other matters were however attended to A petition of a rather unusual nature was presented by Attorney F H Hudson in behalf of Adam Markley of Garrett county Md for viewers to pass upon the advisability of opening a road Attorney Ross Matthews announced that he desired to file objections to the petition and both the petition and the exceptions were ordered filed

Markley owns 78 acres of land in Garrett county fronting on the Fayette county line He has no ingress or outlet to his property except as he is given permission to cross property belonging to neighbors He states that he has tried to purchase property but has been unable to do so His petition requests that a private road be constructed from Ash's Glade a distance of 100 yards to the National Pike

A sentence of costs was entered in the case of Margaret Logue of Connellsville who was sent to Uniontown at the instance of her sister Mrs Luhi Graves who charged her with street walking and keeping bad company The court said that if necessary another order would be made in the case The girl was in charge of the Childrens Aid Society of Somerset county and the Aid Society of this county will endeavor to have the Somerset branch take the girl over and send her to some institution

The court made a rule granting to the signers of notes in the Francis East case allowing them to enter into a defense Many of the signers of the East notes claim that their names were forged to them and the court will allow them to enter a defense

The court announced that the jury would be selected this afternoon to go to Fayette City and view the property of Ella Reeves the plaintiff in a suit against the borough in a damage case It was held that when the jury was selected to try the case it should visit the property The action is for the change of a street grade and the plaintiff claims large damages

## TEACHERS ADJOURN.

**Attendance at Superintendents and Principals' Conference at Carnegie Library Saturday**

After an interesting session the round table conference held at the Carnegie Free Library Saturday by the superintendents principals and teachers adjourned shortly after 4 o clock The attendance at the afternoon session was much larger than that of the morning session Interesting talks were given by well known educational instructors C J Scott principal of the Uniontown schools had charge of the afternoon session

The primary conference conducted by Miss Etta Berger was attended by many teachers of primary schools and the talks given were of great interest to the teachers The next meeting will be held in Uniontown

Among those who were here from out of town were Miss Alice Dorner Miss Clara Smith Miss Lady Jacquette Miss Mae Thompson Miss Gene Townsend Uniontown Miss Katherine King Scottdale and Miss Grace Rhodes of Greensburg

### SIX ARE SENTENCED

**M P Martland Assists in Prosecution of Rattlesnake Hill Outlaws**

UNIONTOWN Jan 20—M P Martland Assistant Chief Fish and Game Warden has returned from Reading where he assisted in the prosecution of 15 members of the Rattlesnake Hill outlaws

Six of the outlaws were sent to the penitentiary for lawlessness and terrorizing the neighborhood of Norristown

### Prominent Greensburg Man Dead

Lloyd K. Kenney one of the most prominent men of Greensburg died in the Westmoreland hospital Friday

### JAILED FOR THREATS

**Colored Virginian Runs Amuck in Dunbar and Gets in Hock**

Oliver Gray colored has been committed to jail by Squire W H Cottom of Dunbar charged with vagrancy and approaching people with an open knife and making threats and demanding money He is thirty years old and came from Virginia Thursday afternoon he appeared at the Central Hotel Dunbar and is alleged to have scared the people by demanding $2 from them and brandishing an open knife

He claims to have been so drunk he did not know what he was doing

## OLD RESIDENT DEAD.

**Mrs Sarah Murray Aged 83 Years Expired on Saturday Evening at Uniontown**

Mrs Sarah Murray aged 83 years one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Uniontown died Saturday evening at 8 0 o clock at the residence of her son Joseph F Rist on East Main street Uniontown She was born March 27 1825 and her death was due to old age

Mrs Murray was the daughter of Jacob and Susannah Johnston and was born near Uniontown She was a descendant of the early German settlers of Fayette county and a well known figure in the early developments in Uniontown She was well known here having for a number of years resided on the White farm near Pennsville Mrs Murray was twice married her first husband being Peter Rist and after his death she was married to John F Murray who died in July 1897 She was a member of the Mennonite church She is survived by seven children by her first husband Jacob Rist of Nebraska Mrs F K Snyder and Joseph Rist of Uniontown John F Rist of Pennsville Mrs Mary Ries of Burlington Ia Mrs John Ritchey of Pennsville and Mrs Catherine Christopher of Greene county Thirty five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren also survive She was an aunt of P R DeMuth of South Pittsburg street

Funeral this afternoon from her late residence at 2 o clock Rev John Durr of Martinsburg will officiate

## DAVID DUBLIN.

**Well Known Former Resident of Connellsville Died Suddenly in Scottdale Hotel**

David Dublin well known in Connellsville died on Friday afternoon at 2 o clock in the Central Hotel Scottdale of liver and stomach troubles aged about 50 years The deceased had been ill at the hotel since Monday

Mr Dublin was engaged in the hotel business in Homestead at the recent time disposed of it on account of ill health He came here several weeks ago on a visit and on Monday went to Scottdale to visit friends While there he became seriously ill He was for several years an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and resided in Connellsville He left that position about two years ago to go to Homestead to engage in the hotel business

Twenty three years ago he was married to Miss Bertha Kelley a sister of Mrs R J Sheppard of New Haven There were no children born to the couple but an adopted son survives Two brothers Albert Dublin of South Side Pittsburg and James Dublin of Altoona survive The funeral will take place Monday morning at 10 o clock The remains will be taken to Homestead for interment

## ANOTHER MURDER.

**Nineteen Year Old Foreign Lad Kills Man Who Had Mistreated Him While Drinking**

UNIONTOWN Jan 20—George Kowach 19 years old is in jail charged with the murder of Steve Gibos at Tower Hill No 2 Sunday The two men roomed together at a boarding house kept by John Popchor and Sunday Gibos according to Kowach's story came over and began to beat him beating him severely He attempted to give him until then

Kowach had a revolver in his hand and warned Gibos twice He did not heed the warning and Kowach fired five shots at him Gibos died almost instantly Several witnesses took Kowach in charge and turned him over to Chief Carroll who was deputized to take him to Uniontown to bring the man to jail Kowach said that it would have been better had he died than to have been beaten He is broken He has no relatives in America

### Page Mill Starts Up

The Page Woven Wire Fence mills at Monessen has resumed in every department and the hours of laborers has been increased from eight to ten hours per day

## MRS. DAVIDSON GETS INSURANCE.

### Suit Against the Royal Arcanum is Also Decided in Her Favor by Jury.

### VERDICT IN THIS MORNING.

**Judge Umbel Gave Binding Instructions to Find for the Plaintiff—Modern Woodmen Want a New Trial Other Court Notes**

UNIONTOWN Jan 18—Fraternal insurance companies received severe jolts in the Fayette county courts this week Today following binding instructions by Judge Umbel a verdict in favor of the plaintiff Mrs Mollie E Davidson of Connellsville was returned against the Royal Arcanum The amount of the verdict was $3-267 Yesterday afternoon a similar verdict was awarded Mrs Davidson against the Grand Fraternity

Although the Royal Arcanum policy issued John Davidson Jr contained a clause against the excessive use of alcoholic spirits Judge Umbel decided that the defendant company did not prove to the satisfaction of the court or jury that Davidson died as a consequence of drinking to excess He declared that it was up to the defendants to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that death was due to gross intemperance

This was the last case tried this week all other jurors having been discharged Before adjournment was taken this morning Attorney Wonda N Carr presented a petition asking for a new trial in the case of Mary E Lowther against the Modern Woodmen of America Mrs Lowther was given the verdict. The Woodmen contested on the grounds that the insured changed his occupation

A new trial was granted Andrew Lyish convicted of perjury This case was tried last June

Letters of administration have been issued Ben A Wittner in the estate of Lloyd C Guvan of Dunbar township

The case of Fred Leighty against the West Penn Railways has been settled Leighty was injured by the West Penn near Vanderbilt and was awarded the largest verdict ever returned against the West Penn in Fayette county $9 00 It is not known under what terms a settlement has been effected

The voters of Menallen township will vote on the cash tax proposition They tried paying cash for road tax but now an effort is being made to go back to the old way

Special Officer Thomas C Phalin, of the B & O has been commissioned a special detective by Governor Stuart

An arrangement was left at the court house yesterday whereby Jefferson W Hibbs of Redstone township allows the Peoples Coal Company to enter upon his land known as the Probone Farm for the purpose of sinking a shaft for the development of coal They also have the right to build houses derricks etc with the usual privilege of ingress and egress

## E. A. BABBAGE DIES

**In Wyoming From Injuries Received in Accident Telegram to New Haven Relatives Says**

Word was received here on Friday from Cambria Wyoming of the death of Edwin A Babbage father of Misses Louise and Martha Babbage of New Haven Two telegrams were received one telling that he had met with an accident resulting in the loss of both legs while the other one announced his death It is not known how the accident happened

Mr Babbage was born in England, coming to this country when a young man For a number of years he resided in New Haven He was twice married His first wife's maiden name was Spencer After her death, which occurred while living in New Haven he left several years after for Kentucky and while there was married to Miss Margaret Muller Later they went to Cambria Wyoming where he was employed as a coke inspector It had been over 20 years since he visited in Connellsville Besides his two daughters here Misses Martha and Louise Babbage his widow and three sons survive

### Court House Dedication

Invitations have been issued for the dedication exercises of the Westmoreland County Court House at Greensburg to take place Friday afternoon January at 2 o clock The committee is composed of A M Sloan, E B Keenan and W C Peoples

# BLIND JIMMY KILLS A MAN IN QUARREL AT BUTTE, MONT.

**Fitzmaurice for Years Was a Resident of Morrell and Paid Almost Daily Visits to Connellsville.**

## LEFT MORRELL A YEAR AGO.

**Wm. Baker, Man Blind Jimmy Killed, Was Leading Him to Poor Farm Near Butte—Enraged Blind Man Struck Him Down With Cane and Then Left Him to Die.**

Word was received here Tuesday by friends of Blind Jimmy Fitzmaurice, for several years a resident of Morrell, and a familiar figure on the streets of Connellsville and Uniontown, that Blind Jimmy is in jail at Butte, Mont., on a charge of murder. On the night of December 30, 1907, Fitzmaurice in a quarrel with William Baker, who was leading him, struck Baker over the head with a cane, rendering him unconscious. According to a newspaper clipping from Butte, Fitzmaurice then proceeded to kick Baker in the face and body. He then wandered away from the injured man, finding his way to the Poor Farm, where both men were bound at the time they quarreled.

Blind Jimmy did not tell of striking down Baker and leaving him to die on the prairie until after the man was found the following day. His legs were frozen stiff up to his knees and Baker lived but a short time after he was found. Fitzmaurice was placed under arrest and will answer soon to a charge of murder.

It is supposed that the men had been drinking, that Fitzmaurice found fault with Baker and struck him with his cane in a fit of anger. He frequently flew into a rage when he was drinking and was dangerous with his cane. Jimmy was a powerful man and bad in disposition when in his cups.

Blind Jimmy was widely known throughout the Connellsville coke region. It is just about a year ago since he left Fayette county and went to Butte, where he owned a property. He also owns a property at Morrell, close to the store. Some years ago Jimmy was known to carry a balance in bank of $5,000 in cash. For years he conducted a speakeasy in the Leisenring and Morrell-Wheeler district. He was at times prosecuted on the charge of illegal liquor selling. The old stone house at Fayette station was Jimmy's resort for some years and it was a famous one. Some years ago he separated from his wife, or rather she left him.

Fitzmaurice has two sons, both of whom are yet under age. They make their home and work in the vicinity of Pittsburg.

## A NEW TURN

**In Litigation Over the Two Wills of the Late Amanda Morton of Connellsville.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 15.—A new turn in the litigation over the estate of the late Amanda Morton of Connellsville developed today when W. A. Bishop, named executor in the will which was overturned by Judge Work of Orphans' Court, this morning presented to Register and Recorder Logan Rush a caveat protesting against the filing of the paper dated June 22, 1905, with a codicil attached dated October 8, 1906.

Bishop avers that he was appointed executor of the true will which was finally probated and declares it would be unjust to admit the second paper. Among his reasons for this are:

"The date the codicil was signed, Mrs. Morton was not of sound disposing mind, meaning or understanding, and at the time of the execution of both papers undue influence was exerted over the decedent."

Whether Recorder Rush will take cognizance of the caveat or merely place it on file yet remains to be seen.

### BOY DISAPPEARS.

**Efforts Being Made to Locate Missing Franklin Lad.**

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keely of Franklin, Pa., want information concerning their son, Wallace, who disappeared from home on the afternoon of Sunday, December 29, 1907. He is described as follows:

Age, 14 years; height 5 feet 2 inches and slender; face, rather full; dark hair, gray eyes. When he disappeared he wore a grey plaid suit, with knee trousers and a cap almost matching the suit, soft white shirt, with no necktie, and lace shoes. The lad is very bashful and may be slightly demented. Any information concerning him should be sent to Mr. Keely or to E. T. Stevenson, Franklin, Pa.

### VERDICT AGAINST WOODMEN.

**Court Gives Binding Instructions for Mrs. Mary B. Lowther.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 16.—Binding instructions given by Judge Van Swearingen to the jury in the case of Mrs. Mary B. Lowther against the Modern Woodmen of the World, in which Mrs. Lowther sought to recover death benefits because of her husband's membership in the order, resulted in the jury finding a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding her $3,000 with accrued interest from August 1, 1906, the total amounting to $3,342.

## CYRUS GROSS DEAD.

**Well Known Resident of Greensburg Expired on January 10.**

Cyrus Gross of Greensburg was born September 23, 1835, and died January 10, 1908, aged 72 years, 3 months and 17 days. Mr. Gross was born in New Stanton, Westmoreland county. He was the eighth child of a family of 12 children. With his parents he moved to Greensburg in the spring of the year 1853, and has since that time been a resident of Greensburg.

His early occupation was that of a school teacher, and at the breaking out of the rebellion he was one of the first to respond to the call of his country and to enlist in her service. His war record is one to be envied, as is seen from the following: He enlisted in October from Westmoreland county, was mustered into the service at Harrisburg to serve three years as a private and drummer under Capt. J. B. Keenan and Col. Richard Coulter in Company H, Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged February 27, 1863, on account of his health.

He re-enlisted August 13, 1864, as Second Sergeant under Capt. C. L. Brant and Col. Hugh Bradley in Company E, 205th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to First Sergeant April 1, 1865, and was honorably discharged June 26, 1865, at Richmond, Va., at the close of the rebellion.

He participated in the following battles: Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg and many other lesser engagements. His regiment was the first to enter Richmond, Va., the capital of the Confederacy, after the surrender of Lee's army.

For the past 10 years Mr. Gross had been engaged in the real estate business and was general manager of the Walls Improvement Company. He united with the United Brethren Church in Christ of Greensburg April 27, 1892, under the pastorate of Rev. W. R. Funk, and was a member of that church until his decease. On the records now extant of the church his name is registered as No. 99 and the register shows 999 names.

He is preceded in the procession of his family life by a father, mother and nine brothers and sisters. He leaves to succeed him from the family one sister, Mrs. James C. Baldridge, and one brother, E. M. Gross.

## PENSIONS GRANTED.

**Congressman A. F. Cooper is Notified of Successful Applications That Are Passed.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—Congressman Allen F. Cooper has been notified that the following pensions to persons in the 23rd Pennsylvania Congressional district have been granted:

John Lent, Dickerson Run, Co. D, 16 Pa. Cav., reissue $12 from Feb. 23, 1907.

James Guy, Uniontown, Co. A, Md. Vol. Inf., reissue, $12 from March 19, 1907.

John N. Davis, Springs, Co. K, 171 Pa. Mil. Inf., reissue $15 from May 16, 1907.

Elias H. Trader, Uniontown, Battery H, 3 Pa. Artil., reissue $15 from April 5, 1907.

Zachariah Snyder, Rockwood, Co. K, 85 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from May 8, 1907.

Wm. Jacobs, Hopwood, Co. K, 6 Pa. H. A., reissue $12 from May 4, 1907.

John C. Wilson, Newell, Co. A, 102 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $12 from April 18, 1907.

Meshech Beam, Edie, Co. A, 10 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from June 25, 1907.

Aaron B. Isett, Sand Patch, Co. G, 125 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from May 31, 1907.

Samson B. Miller, Bellevernon, Co. A, 101 Pa. Vol. Inf., increase $20 from May 17, 1907.

John A. Moore, Somerset, Co. B, 148 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from May 24, 1907.

William Maurer, Stoyestown, Co. E, 93 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from May 9, 1907.

Mary News, widow of Abraham News, Stoyestown, Co. F, 198 Pa. Vol. Inf., original and accrued, $8 from September 12, 1907.

Henry Dietz, Somerset, Co. H, 211 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $12 from May 20, 1907.

George W. Stewart, Ohiopyle, Co. D, 14 Pa. Vol. Cav., reissue $12 from April 19, 1907.

Paul Miller, Somerset, Co. I, 88 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $15 from May 23, 1907.

John L. Kline, Brownsville, Co. G, 85 Pa. Vol. Inf., reissue $12 from May 15, 1907.

Ellen J. McVicker, widow of Jesse McVicker, New Baltimore, Co K, 102

### Install Log Roller.

The McFarland Lumber Company of Indian Creek have added to their equipment a steam derrick and log roller, which is proving highly satisfactory. The new machine does the work of a large number of men.

## SUES RAILROAD.

**Annette Osten Says She Was Humiliated on B. & O.**

Alleging that she was humiliated, chagrined and damaged, Annette Osten of Connellsville has had Attorneys Sterling, Higbee & Dumbauld file a statement wherein she claims $10,000 from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. The claimant says that on September 1, 1907, she boarded a train at Connellsville for the purpose of taking a trip to Pittsburg. Shortly after entering the car the conductor approached and she handed out her 1,000 mile ticket.

The conductor, according to the contention of the plaintiff, refused to accept the book and demanded cash fare. She says he became abusive, talked so loudly as to attract the attention of everybody in the car, and even threatened to evict her. The fare was then paid in cash, but later returned to her at the city offices of the company and the requisite amount of mileage taken from her book.

## WEDDED LAST NIGHT.

**Many Guests Attend Nuptials of Miss Pross and Myers Posner at Mt. Pleasant.**

MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 15.—Miss Celia Pross and Myers Posner, a well known young couple of Mt. Pleasant, were united in marriage last evening at 8.30 o'clock in the new Bank Hall at Mt. Pleasant. Rabbi Isadore Reichert of Uniontown officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Posner as bridesmaid, while William Racoosin served as best man. The bride wore a handsome white lingerie gown and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. A large reception and dance, at which 100 guests were in attendance, was given by the bride's brother, Charles Pross, at the close of the ceremony.

During the ceremony Lohengrin's wedding march was rendered by Kiferle's orchestra. Mr. Posner and his bride left this afternoon for New York and other eastern cities where they will spend their honeymoon.

Among the guests present were Ben Finkelhor and wife, Miss Sadie Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neiman, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Frankel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tafolsky, Misses Anna and Freda Racoosin, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Collins and Miss Lillian Broude, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. William Herzberg Mr. and Mrs. B. Reichstein, Miss Rhea Kobacker, Myer Smythe and the Misses Snyder, Connellsville; Harry and Joseph Ziskind and Sol Friedman, Greensburg; Mr. and Mrs. Abie Leue, H. H. Silverman, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Neiman, Irwin; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Goldenson and Ben Miller, Scottdale, Mae Smith, Uniontown, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brenner, Lebanon.

## REMOVE THE CAUSE.

**How to Remedy Much of the Suffering in Connellsville.**

There is hardly a family in Connellsville where there is not one or more members who suffer at times from the effects of a weak stomach.

It may be that this occurs only after eating some food that does not agree, or because of a supper late at night; or it may be that the stomach is so weak that scarcely any food can be eaten with out pain and distress.

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### VOTE ON ROAD TAX.

**Upper Tyrone Township Citizens Want to Cast Ballot on It.**

The taxpayers of Upper Tyrone township Nos. 1 and 2 are anxious to vote on the road tax proposition at the coming February election, and have been granted leave by the court.

A petition signed by a large number of the leading freeholders and heavy taxpayers of the districts named had Attorney E. C. Higbee prepare and present to the court a petition setting forth that they believe the cash system would be beneficial to their interests and the means of better roads. The order asked for was made and the commissioners are instructed to prepare the ballots for that district according to the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1903.

### Married at Youngstown.

Miss Mabel N. Reed of Confluence and Frank H. Neeper of North Braddock, Pa., were granted a marriage license at Youngstown, O., Tuesday.

## DIRECTORS ELECTED.

**Stockholders Meet in Various Banking Institutions of Connellsville.**

## BUT FEW CHANGES ARE MADE.

**Reports from All the Organizations Are Splendid, in Spite of the Recent Financial Flurry—Those Who Have Been Chosen.**

The various National banks of Connellsville and vicinity held their annual election of directors on Tuesday. There were few changes made in the official roster at any of the institutions, in practically every instance the old Board being re-elected.

In spite of the recent financial flurry every organization had a favorable report to make and the showing advanced displays the strength of the several banks.

The stockholders of the Second National Bank met this morning and re-elected the old Board of Directors. Those are: Worth Kilpatrick, Chas. Davidson, Kell Long, Dr. L. P. McCormick, Cyrus Echard, J. M. Reid and R. S. Paine.

At a meeting held on January 1 this bank declared a dividend of 5 per cent and added $6,000 to the undivided profits, making them $150,000.

At the Yough National Bank the same Directors were re-elected. They are: Joseph Soisson, B. F. Boyts, S. J. Harry, H. M. Kephart, Robert Felty, W. F. Soisson, Andrew Haas, Dr. M. B. Shupe and J. R. Stauffer.

The stockholders of the New Haven National Bank this morning elected the following Directors: Kell Long, G. W. Gallagher, Henry Rhodes, T. H. Hazen, P. J. Tormay, C. B. Franks, John Work, J. J. Barnhart and Lloyd Johnston.

The First National Bank of Perryopolis held its annual election of directors last Saturday. The year 1907 has been the most prosperous in the history of this sturdy young financial institution. During 1907 two dividends of 5 per cent. each were paid the stockholders, in addition to increasing the surplus from $25,000 to $35,000. The following directors were elected:

President, M. M. Cochran; First Vice President, J. H. Wurtz; Second Vice President J. H. Davidson; A. M. Fuller, J. A. Hopkins, M. E. Strawn and J. L. Cochran. Howard Adams was re-elected cashier of the institution.

At the stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of Vanderbilt this morning the following directors were elected: J. A. Guiler, E. T. Norton, Robert Norris, J. F. Black, F. T. Evans, J. R. Stauffer and Dr. G. B. Roberts. The directors will likely organize tomorrow.

The same directors were elected by the First National Bank this afternoon. They are: John D. Frisbee, J. R. Stauffer, William Weihe, Robert Norris, E. T. Norton, J. L. Kendall and E. C. Higbee.

At the Colonial Bank this afternoon there was no change made in the directorate. The following were re-elected: L. F. Ruth, P. H. Beighley, Harry Dunn, John Duggan, I. C. Detwiler, E. K. Dick, Rockwell Marietta, T. B. Palmer, L. F. Ruth, Clair Grill wagon, A. D. Soisson, A. G. C. Shorbondy and H. E. Schenck.

## CITIZENS ELECT.

**Stockholders of Bank Choose Directors and Organize at Meeting Held Yesterday.**

Stockholders of the Citizens' National Bank at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon elected directors for the ensuing years. The directors chosen are the same as last year, as follows:

J. D. Sherrick, S. J. Harry, Joseph Soisson, Charles Detwiler, I. C. Smutz, B. F. Boyts, Dr. H. F. Atkinson, Geo. W. Campbell, T. J. Mitchell, H. M. Kerr, S. E. Frock, J. R. Davidson, Biddle Hornbeck, F. E. Markell, F. A. Kail, J. D. Madigan and J. B. Henderson.

The directors organized by electing the following officers: F. E. Markell, President; H. M. Kerr, First Vice President; S. E. Frock, Second Vice President; J. L. Kurtz, Cashier; Edgar Smutz, Teller; J. D. Lambert, Bookkeeper; Miss Pearl Fries, Stenographer.

## BIG DIVIDEND

**Declared by National Deposit Bank of Brownsville—Smithfield Bank Election.**

The National Deposit Bank of Brownsville now stands third in the State of Pennsylvania. Tuesday a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent. was declared, an unusually large sum. The balance of the earnings were added to the surplus and undivided profits.

Tuesday the stockholders of the First National Bank of Smithfield met and elected the following officers and Directors:

President, H. B. Guiher; Vice President, W. W. Parshall; Cashier, D. P. Morgan; Assistant Cashier, W. T. Miller; Directors, W. J. Ruble, H. R. Sackett, Charles B. Woodfill, W. S. Leech and J. F. King.

## THE Y. W. C. T. U.

**Of South Connellsville Holds Meeting and Installs Officers.**

The South Connellsville Y. W. C. T. U. met at the home of Miss Lizzie Liston, South Connellsville, Friday evening, January 10. The South Connellsville Y. W. C. T. U. was organized on December 6, 1907, and meets every Friday evening. The "Y" was organized by County Superintendent Mrs. Nellie H. Showman at the home of Mrs. Ida Seaman, with the following officers installed:

President, Miss Lizzie Liston; Vice President Miss Jennie Estelle Thaw Ritenour; Secretary, Miss Winifred Bungard; Treasurer, Miss Alvara Gattone; Superintendent of Purity, Miss Mina Sullivan; Superintendent Physical Education, Miss Nellie Kooser; Superintendent Literature, Miss Alvara Gattone. Superintendent Press, Miss Jennie Estelle Thaw Ritenour.

Mrs. Nellie Showman gave a reading, entitled "Wear the White Ribbon," which was greatly appreciated. The "Y" is preparing to celebrate Mme. Frances E. Willard Memorial Day, February 17. Adjournment was taken to meet on next Friday, January 17, at 7.30 P. M., at the home of Miss Jennie Estelle Thaw Ritenour, 103 Queen street, Connellsville.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

**Attendance in the Township Falls Off During Fourth Month on Account of Sickness.**

The school report for Connellsville township has been made public and the figures show a falling off in attendance. This is on account of much sickness. The grip made its presence felt in the township as well as elsewhere.

Following is the tabulated report:

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| **Gibson.** | | | |
| No. 1, Louise Berger | 54 | 40 | 86 |
| No. 2, Dorothy Harbaugh | 52 | 42 | 90 |
| No. 3, Flossie Somerville | 57 | 48 | 94 |
| No. 1, Ruth Moore | 59 | 52 | 95 |
| No. 5, Alice McElhaney | 47 | 52 | 92 |
| No. 6, Winifred Bungard | 26 | 21 | 91 |
| No. 7, S. B. Henry | 23 | 19 | 93 |
| **High School.** | | | |
| Roy E. Jensen | 17 | 10 | 95 |
| **Brick Store.** | | | |
| Maud Nickelson | 46 | 38 | 84 |
| **Church.** | | | |
| Eva Wilson | 43 | 36 | 92 |
| **Rock Ridge.** | | | |
| No. 1, Catherine Gilmore | 50 | 44 | 94 |
| No. 2, Hattie Henry | 42 | 34 | 89 |
| **Washington.** | | | |
| No. 1, Pearl Conner | 32 | 27 | 71 |
| No. 2, Goldie McLaughlin | 31 | 25 | 85 |
| **Narrows.** | | | |
| No. 1, Rena Cossel | 45 | 39 | 89 |
| No. 2, Helen McLaughlin | 27 | 21 | 89 |
| **Broad Ford.** | | | |
| Pearl Morse | 31 | 25 | 88 |
| | 679 | 551 | 82 |

At the last meeting of the Connellsville township School Board the following bills were ordered paid: Teachers, $810; janitors, $74; James Ritchey, rent, fuel and janitor, $15; Ervin Leichliter, hauling ashes, $4; E. E. Crouse, hauling ashes, $5; Johnston Coal Company, coal, $11 73; Connellsville Water Company, $5 50; Hoop Hardware Company, 50 cents.

## SLANDER SUIT TRIED IN COURT.

**All the Outcome of a Quarrel in Greek Catholic Union.**

## COW CASE IS SETTLED.

**Court Rules in Favor of the Defendant and Plaintiff Loses Out—Foreigner Asks Big Damages From H. C. Frick Coke Company.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 16.—A jury is now deliberating over a tangled slander suit from Brownsville in which Andy Matis is the plaintiff. The case was tried before Judge Umbel this morning. It had many amusing features. According to Matis, John Gresak and John Stuchick made slighting remarks which reflected on his honesty, as a consequence of which damages are asked. The trouble occurred last August, during a meeting of the Greek Catholic Union of Brownsville, of which Gresak is President. When the matter of finances came up for discussion, a shortage was announced. In the words combat that followed Gresak and Stuchick are alleged to have accused Matis of taking the money.

Matis says he has been living in Brownsville for the past 15 years and bears an excellent reputation. His fair name has been besmirched by the false accusations against him, he avers. Matis was awarded 6¼ cents from Gresak. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant in Stuchick's case.

This was the only case tried before Judge Umbel this morning. There being no others ready for trial an adjournment was announced until tomorrow morning.

A verdict in favor of the defendant was returned this morning before Judge Van Swearingen when a cow case from Leckrone was tried. J. N. Randolph sued Y. E. Crick to recover a cow Crick purchased for $30 from John Langen. It appears that Langen sold the cow to Randolph for something over $42, the balance of a store bill. Randolph was remiss and failed to take the cow. Langen then sold the bovine to Crick and left for the old country. Judge Van Swearingen ruled that the cow belonged to Crick and that Randolph had no grounds for action.

John Pivoski has entered suit against the H. C. Frick Coke Company to recover $10,000 for permanent injuries he alleges to have received in the employ of the defendant company. Pivoski avers that on October 23, 1906, he entered a cage at the Lambert shaft and was let to the bottom so quickly that he was injured by the shock.

A new trial has been asked in the case of R. L. Lockridge against William B. Price. This case was tried early in the week, a verdict in favor of the defendant being ordered by the court.

The suit of Jesse A. Stauffer against A. S. Livengood, to recover $8,000 commission came to a sudden termination yesterday afternoon when attorneys for the defense filed a motion to amend their affidavit of defense. The jurors were discharged and the case continued.

A petition has been presented by the trustees of Unity Hope Lodge of Odd Fellows, located at this place, asking privilege to reconvey some property on Grant street purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Blue. By a mistake in the deed, more land was given than intended and it is desired to return this to the proper owner. The petition was granted.

## VETERANS TO BANQUET

**Camp Walter E. Brown Will Dine at the Smith House on February 4.**

Members of Camp Walter E. Brown, Army of the Philippines, are planning a big banquet to be given at the Smith House on the evening of February 4. The camp is composed of members of old Company D, who saw service in the islands.

An elaborate menu will be served, and it is expected that interesting speeches will also be on the program. Captain H. A. Crow, who commanded Company D during the war, is now Commander-in-Chief of the rapidly growing Army of the Philippines.

### Killed by Wagon.

William McLaughlin, aged eight years, was killed at the Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Company's works Saturday by a coal wagon which ran over him.

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## SOME OLD RATES NOT AFFECTED

**Hereafter Full Party Lines Will Be $15 a Year, Which Is an Advance of $3.00 Over the Old Rate—Straight Line Residence Rate $18 and Business Houses $24 a Year.**

The Central District & Printing Telephone Company, otherwise the Bell Company Thursday announced that effective Thursday a new rate for full party lines will be effective in the Uniontown district which includes Connellsville, Dawson, Dunbar, Fairchance, Masontown and McClellandtown. West Newton is also in this district, but the new rate will not affect there for some time. Greensburg and Scottdale are also included in the new rate.

The $15 full party rate will apply to all new business. The patrons of the company who have phones in at the $12 rate will be allowed to keep them at that rate unless they remove their residence. If they move then the new rate will be applicable to them.

For business houses there will be no change in the rate of $24 a year and the straight line residence rate of $18 will also be allowed to stand.

Though it is strenuously denied that there is any reason for the rumor it has been reported at different times that the new purchasers of the Tri-State Telephone Company are also interested in the Bell Company. As often as this rumor has been started it has been promptly denied. It is a patent fact, however, that the Bell Company, since the Tri-State Company passed out of the hands of the Fayette county holding company have been bold in their advance in rates.

## TRAGEDY RECALLED

**By the Death of Mrs. Charlotte Frances Nutt at Washington, Pa., Yesterday.**

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Charlotte Frances Nutt, aged 65, widow of Captain A. C. Nutt, died here yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Junk, whom she had been visiting for the past two weeks. Her home for many years had been in Cleveland, Ohio., where the body will be taken for burial Sunday.

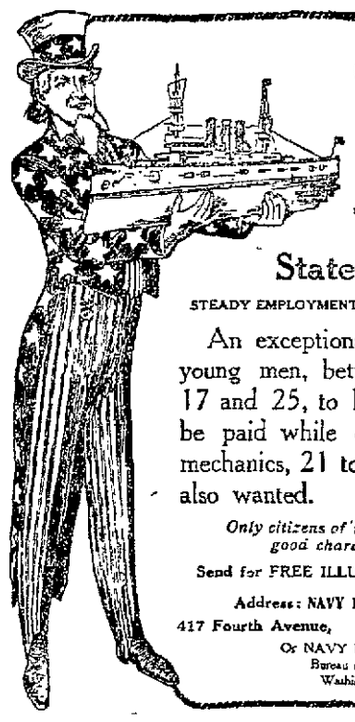
Captain Nutt was cashier of the State Treasury. His daughter figured in a scandal with Nicholas Lyman Dukes and Captain Nutt wrote a letter to him in regard to it. Dukes wrote a brutal letter in reply. Captain Nutt called on Dukes at his room in the old Jennings Hotel at Uniontown and there Dukes shot and killed him, he claimed in self defense. After a sensational trial Dukes was acquitted. Later James Nutt, a son of Captain Nutt, shot and killed Dukes on the street in Uniontown. Nutt was acquitted before a jury at Pittsburg.

### SURPRISE AT ALVERTON.

**Party Friday Evening at Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shupe.**

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shupe at Alverton was the scene of a very enjoyable surprise party Friday evening, given in honor of their son Ralph. Red and white were the colors used in forming the pretty decorations.

The evening was spent in music and various games until 10.30, when a bounteous repast was served. Guests were present from Mt. Pleasant, Alverton and Scottdale.



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# ELKS MINSTREL BIG SUCCESS; PACKS NEW SOISSON THEATRE.

## Dave Girard, Doc Buttermore, Bill Marqua, Ernest Stillwagon and Little Monaca Marqua Come in for the Star Parts.

### SHOW REPEATED FRIDAY NIGHT

**Burlesque Boxing Stunt of Girard and Buttermore Brought Down House, But Dainty Monaca Marqua Completely Won the Big Audience With Song and Dance**

A decided success in every way was the initial performance of the Eighth Annual Elks Minstrel at the New Soisson Theatre Thursday. As minstrels the Elks made a big hit and their performance eclipsed anything ever in that line. Although the same general scheme that is always followed is being carried out this year new and unique features were introduced. Principal among these the stage settings deserve special mention. The opening of the first act was so unusual and unexpected that the audience was taken by storm from the start.

But even stage settings cannot detract attention from stars. Dave Girard, Bill Marqua, Doc Buttermore, Ernest Stillwagon and the other Elks shone brightly in the limelight. These four men were the big splash of the occasion. Dave Girard created a sensation when he tripped the light fantastic to and fro across the stage balancing his 220 pounds with ease and grace. Then too his comedy stunt with Doc Buttermore in the olio was a scream producer. Willie Girard came in for long and well deserved applause.

But it was not ordained that these big minstrel stars should cop first honors. Even the presentation of two lemons and a bunch of lettuce to Bill Marqua didn't win for him the palm. Little Miss Monaca Marqua made the big hit and a lasting one. It was her first appearance but she was master of the situation. She even gave Musical Director Claude D Anderson a gentle hint when his music was a little off time. Little Miss Marqua robbed her fond papa and his brother Elks of a huge chunk of glory and copped the laurel wreath herself. In her songs and dances she was as graceful and sweet as a little fairy, and had the audience with her all the time.

It might be mentioned that T. V. Donegan too was entitled to all the applause he got. Samuel P Flenniken was to have sung "When Dreams Come True," but yesterday afternoon it was learned that he could not participate owing to illness.

"It's up to you Jerry," remarked Director Stout.

Jerry took hold of the song and sang it well. None of the others had anything on Jerry's voice or song.

Edward H Kintzer made his first appearance as interlocutor and did the stunt well. He looked cool in that flannel suit of his and maybe he was, for there were times when his voice shivered a little. Kintzer and his end men worked many jokes that landed with the house. Forrest A. Buttermore, who is known to everyone as Doc, was repeatedly encored when he sang "Every Little Bit Added to What You've Got Makes Just a Little Bit More." The minstrel show would not be complete if Doc didn't hold down an end man's seat. Bill Marqua on the other side worked off some funny stunts in "Every Loving Spoony Sam." Dave Girard made his hit in "Moses Andrew Jackson, Good Bye." Dave's voice wasn't up to standard last night owing to a heavy cold but he made up for it by executing a dance that made a hit. Dave had a good make up. He looked something like John Rucker who was principal comedian in the Black Patti Troubadors. What Dave's voice lacked was made up by his son. Willie Girard's "Dreaming" was not only pretty, but neatly executed. The boy has a voice. Ralph S Morton and Billy O'Donnell were in the black face row too and looked their parts.

"That's Gratitude," which Ernest Stillwagon sang with much gusto is not a new song but its tune is catchy, especially the way Ernest sang it. Dr West also pulled off a number of clever jokes.

Solos by Arthur J O'Kane, James B. Millard, John Davis and George Wilson met with much well deserved applause. The first part ended with Wilson's solo, "Dixie Dan," the entire company executing a lever march. The ensemble at the curtain fall made a great hit. Willie Girard and his pony outfit was the central figure.

Little Miss Monaca Marqua opened the second part. Her clever work was rewarded with a big bouquet of roses. The Yough Trio composed of C Bud Noonan, John Davis and George Wilson introduced some new features this year. The baseball song was decidedly clever especially when the lineup of the Fats and Leans was sung. Freeze Brothers from Magic Land gave a splendid exhibition of tambourine juggling.

The second part ended with a three round bout between James J Corbett (Doc Buttermore) and James J Jeffries (Dave Girard). Jeffries won in a walk, but not until a stuffed dummy had been pummeled to pieces. The sparring of the comedians was simply great as a scream producer. A drill closed the performance.

The entire house was sold out last night and a crowd equally as large is expected to attend this evening. Full dress suits were in evidence, they being required for the orchestra and ushers. After the beginning of the first act the ushers all Elks occupied seats in the right boxes. The ushers were F E Sims, O R Carpenter, H L Carpenter, J M Doyle, S M Goodman, I C Kurtz, J J Evans, W D Colborn, T B Donnelly and W R Scott.

Those in the chorus whose work showed strong in the ensemble were Ed T Goodman, Robert W Leiberger, James S Mason, George H Mason, John Coughenour, Harry F Tippman, Harry W Percy, John Conlon, S H Wells, Willard Darnell, O F Ritchey, Edward Anderson, P J Fagin, Harry Dull and Carson Prine.

Behind the scenes as for two weeks past Director Charles L Stout worked like a Trojan keeping the boys on their toes all the time.

Dr C D Anderson while not as conspicuous as the fellows on the stage has a large share in the success of the minstrel. He has worked untiringly for its success and with the assistance of T V Donegan, D J Girard, R W Leiberger, Howard Robbins and other members of the several committees he succeeded admirably.

The show was repeated Friday night.

# WEST PENN MILEAGE.

## During 1907 Its Cars Covered a Grand Total of 2,771,559 Miles.

### INCREASE OVER YEAR 1906.

**Of More Than 100,000 Miles—Includes Distance Traveled by All Cars on System—Motormen Run Up High Individual Mileage During Year**

During the past year cars on the West Penn rolled up a mileage of over 100,000 miles ahead of the year previous making a grand total of 2,771,559 against 2,687,9— for the year of 1906. This is an excellent record and officials of the company are taking exceptional pride in showing what has been made.

Were one car required to travel this distance and started to do it in a straight line the crew would girdle the globe 100 times and then have quite a distance to go before completing the trip. It might also be mentioned that such an imaginary trip could not be made in a day or two.

In running over 2,700,000 miles mention is not made of the sundry calves, chickens and other live stock that were run over. Such matters do not come under the head of transportation. Information regarding this matter is given out by Disseminator T B Donnelly, the claim agent.

By close calculation it has been figured to a mathematical certainty that it would take 323,796 ... cars placed end to end to cover the distance covered by the West Penn rolling stock during 1907. It might also be mentioned that there would be a car shortage if any one tried to make a practical demonstration of this.

Another bunch of interesting figures in connection with the same matter is that the number of revolutions made by the trolley wheels, those little six inch circles which perform such an important function, made 97 ,887,780 revolutions while the cars beneath them were rolling off the 2,771,559 miles during the year. This is to say nothing of the revolutions made when the cars were backing up or those they didn't make when the trolley wires were so icy that they slid.

"Gee Whiz!" ejaculated Superintendent of Transportation J. W. Brown when he was shown these figures. "It isn't any wonder some of those wheels wore out on us, is it?"

It appears that Engineer Samuel Hertzler of the Pennsylvania railroad who lives at Altoona claims to hold the record for the number of miles run during the year. His record was 50,160. This might be going some distance on the Pennsylvania but it looks tame to some of the veteran West Penn motormen. Although it was impossible to get accurate figures an estimate was made yesterday afternoon that 54,600 miles is a good West Penn average. It is said that this is not a big mileage for a motorman to run up during the course of a year. The main line motormen average 156 miles a day most of the time.

### Colonel Barnhart Ill

Col James J Barnhart is ill at his home at Sunnyside, Dunbar township. It is the first time Colonel Barnhart has been confined to his home for many a long day and he is missed by many friends.

The Weekly Courier, $1.50 a year.

### NEW AGENT AT DAWSON

**L R Kimes Succeeds C A Smith Who is in Ill Health**

The general shifting which has been going on recently over the Baltimore & Ohio system among the various agencies continued Wednesday when a new man was put in charge of the Dawson station.

He is L R Kimes who was acting agent at Rankin. Mr Kimes has done his work so well that he was given full charge of the Dawson agency vice C A Smith. The latter has asked for a furlough for several months to recuperate his health.

# DIRECT LINE NEEDED.

## Tests of Fire Whistle Unsatisfactory Under Present Arrangement.

### IS NOT SUFFICIENT PRESSURE

**Big Eight Inch Whistle on a Direct Line Could Be Heard for Miles and Cost of Installation is Placed at Very Low Figure**

Exhaustive tests were made Wednesday of three fire whistles, two of which were sent here by the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company. The present whistle is far from satisfactory and those tested Wednesday gave little better service.

The representative of the Gamewell company who superintended the tests yesterday has recommended that the whistle be attached to a direct steam line. Under the present arrangement the steam must of necessity pass through pipe which circulate through the entire brewery. As a consequence there is not sufficient pressure to make a loud sound.

It is stated that if an eight inch whistle such as was tested yesterday were placed on a direct steam line it would make a noise that could be heard for miles around. The cost would be something under $50 and those who are conversant with such matters say this is the only satisfactory manner of arranging the whistle.

Superintendent J D Milligan of the Pittsburg Brewery has given his consent to connecting the whistle on a direct line. The matter will now be up to Council.

Wednesday morning when Chief Mitchell turned in the test alarm from the Hairstone Corner box ... at the Pittsburg Brewery began ... frightened ... caught on ... of Superintendent Milligan, Chief Mitchell will make his test ... in the future. There ... about at that hour.

# CIVIL SUITS

**Instituted and On for Hearing in Equity Before the Somerset County Court.**

SOMERSET, Jan 17.—Two suits in assumpsit were recently instituted by the Second National Bank of Pittsburg against S D Livengood, formerly President of the now defunct Farmers Bank of Meyersdale, which closed its doors last fall, and H M Berkley, assignee. The amount of the two suits is $10,498.0. Notes held by the Meyersdale institution were assigned to the Pittsburg bank.

The notes of testimony in the case of S A Kimmel of Windber against Albert F Hartzell deceased have been filed in the office of the Prothonotary by a Pittsburg firm of stenographers. The notes cover 576 typewritten pages. It will be remembered that this case was tried in the courts of Somerset county three times. The last trial was at the November term of the Court of Common Pleas, in at that time a verdict awarding the plaintiff the sum of $1,500 was returned. The Love Sunshine Company of Johnstown are the real defendants in this action.

Another hearing in equity is now in progress before Judge Kooser. Daniel B Zimmerman, a well known coal operator is plaintiff and Alexander Rhodes of Somerset and S. W. Widdup of Williamsport are the defendants. The bill in equity with which this action was commenced was filed on September 12, 1907. It is set forth in the bill that on December 8, 1906 an agreement was entered into by Alexander Rhoads, one of the defendants and Curtis O Kooser of Somerset whereby Rhoads agreed to sell and convey to Kooser the coal underlying a tract of land in Quemahoning township containing 513 acres. Kooser elected to take the coal the consideration for a one month's option being a royalty of eight cents per ton.

At a later date Kooser assigned the agreement to Zimmerman by endorsing the same upon the back. Zimmerman took possession of the tract. It is alleged in the plaintiff's bill that now Rhoads and Widdup are attempting to deprive Zimmerman of his rights in the coal. Rhoads according to the bill was about to sell the coal to Widdup by deed.

### Westmoreland Expenditures

The expenditures in Westmoreland county during 1907 were $509,426.

### PRESENT EVERY DAY.

**Honor Pupils for the Month of December at Stauffer Schools**

STAUFFER, Jan 16.—The following pupils were present every session during the month of December.

Room No 1, Miss D DeVaux, teacher—Jennetre Stauffer, Genevieve Long, Ade ude McFadden, Lloyd John, ... Leon Rumbaugh, Roy Slonecke, Russell Lapus, William Miller, Rachel McClov, ... Spi... Clyde Kline ... Paulin Marshall Shaffer, Theodore Greene.

Room No —, R... Haney, ... Solenda ... Crum, Orel ... Effie ... Zola, Pearl Long, Missouri Mitchell, Iva Nelson, Hazel Brecton, ... Zola Imes, Snee, ... Hissong, William ... James Miller, Andy Martineo, Miss J. Adams, teacher.

### HELD FOR COURT

**Ohiopyle Man is Charged with Carrying Concealed Weapons**

UNIONTOWN, Jan 17.—J W Morrison of near Ohiopyle has been held for court ... on charges of carrying concealed weapons preferred by Newton M Morrison, a relative.

It appears that ... of ... Ohiopyle ... from L W Morrison's pool.

# Y. M. C. A. OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

## Worth Kilpatrick Will Serve Another Year by Unanimous Choice.

### J. C. LONG CHOSEN SECRETARY

**And H L Douglass Treasurer for the Next Twelve Months—Election Was Held at the Y M C A Rooms Last Night**

The annual election of officers of the ... Young Men's Christian Association ... Monday ... Worth Kilpatrick ... president. ... The election was ... Mr Kilpatrick has been ... efficient and ... deserve ... part of ... election ... vice president ... J. C. Long ... offices ... H. L. Douglass ... D. I. B. ... hart and Prof. W. S. D... ... to ... ... The report ... ... were most ... the membership ... ... will ... steady advance.

... will ... an adjourned meeting Wednesday evening at 8.30 ... committees for the work ... for the State Convention to meet here February 20 to 23.

### TAKES DONEGAL HOUSE

**Frank O'Hara Reopens the Famous Old Inn There**

The Donegal House, the famous tavern in the old mountain town which has been closed since last April will again be opened to the traveling public. Frank O'Hara, formerly steward at the Pine Run Country Club, having taken over the hotel and has opened it. William ... the proprietor last year could not secure enough signers to his license petition to go before the courts to renew ... of the license. This was not to his liking and he immediately closed ... the hotel some weeks before his license had expired.

### Monessen Mills Running

All the mills in the Monessen district are now running full turn.

The Weekly Courier $1.50 a year.

### YOUNG SUCCEEDS EWING

**On the Federal Bench—Haymaker is to Succeed Young**

President Roosevelt ... has named Judge James S Young of the Pittsburg judiciary as successor to Judge Nathaniel Ewing of the United States District Court, appointed by Governor Edwin S Stuart chairman of the State Railroad Commission.

Attorney John C. Haymaker has been recommended by the Republican State and county leaders to succeed Judge Young on the bench in Allegheny county and it is possible that Governor Stuart will today announce his appointment.

# AN AWARD OF $41,242

## Made by Viewers Against Pennsylvania Company at Greensburg.

### ALSO ASSESSED OTHER DAMAGES

**Which Will Be Done Property Owners by Improvements Proposed by the Railroad Company at the Greensburg Station and Nearby**

GREENSBURG, Jan 17.—The board of viewers appointed by the court to assess the damages sustained by ... A ... owner of the ... the Pennsylvania ... in Greensburg ... the Joseph ... property which has been condemned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and which is to be used in making its improvement through Greensburg made a report ... and awarded to Mr ... $41,2..0.

The same board awarded to Charles D Copeland, Esq, who leases the Joseph Taylor restaurant from Mr Lo... ... and whose leasehold was also condemned, the sum of $4...0.

It will be recalled that testimony in these cases was heard by the board of viewers on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 8, 9 and 10 and that the amount claimed by ... was ... $1,0...0 ... as appraised from the ... witnesses. The claim of the railroad company was that ... was ... $20,000 to $ ... and support ... claim by ... a number of witnesses who ... the value of the property within ... the value of a ... building ... which cost about $7,000.

The claim of Mr Copeland was that he was damaged from $...00 to $40.... by the taking away of his business ... lease he was paying $1500 per year for the first ten years and $... for the second ten years. The railroad company contended through its witnesses that the lease was worth nothing because of the ... portion of ... which was being paid for the ... by Mr Copeland and that he only damage he sustained was the expense of moving to another location.

The same board of viewers also heard the condemnation cases of Mr and Mrs Donna C Ogden, Mrs Eliza Dom, William P Dom Jr, Florino Scalzitti and Theressa Ferri vs the Pennsylvania railroad company for ten lots on the north side of the railroad and just west of the station which will also be taken on the new improvement.

On these lots which are all in what is known as the Ogden Plan of lots the viewers awarded as follows: To Donna C Ogden and wife 6 lots $...; to Mrs Eliza Dom 1 lot $...; to William P Dom Jr 1 lot $...; to Florino Scalzitti 1 lot $...; to Theressa Ferri 1 lot $....

The claims for the lots of Mr Ogden, Mrs Dom and William P Dom Jr were from $...00 to $1,000 each for the lots of Scalzitti and Ferri $3,000 each. The railroad company through its witnesses claimed that these lots were only worth from $...00 to $1,000 each without the buildings.

The board of viewers was composed of C. ... M. Reid, Robert Norris, H. S. Stimmell and W. H. Hugus, all of Connellsville.

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# FIVE YOUNG SKATERS DROWNED IN THE JIMTOWN RESERVOIR.

## Elizabeth Fulmer and George Cochran First Sink, William Fulmer, Frank Cochran and John Luxner Lose Lives in Efforts to Rescue the Couple.

### DIED OF BURNS

**Mrs Clyde Smith's Clothing Caught from Open Fire Place**

The funeral of the late Mrs Clyde Smith, wife of Clyde Smith of Star Junction took place Thursday afternoon. Interment being made at Cochran Cemetery near Dawson. Mrs Smith was the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thompson and was born and reared near Jimtown.

On December 1... while standing before an open fire place Mrs Smith's clothing caught fire. She was badly burned about the face and body. Her death resulted from the accident.

# OFFICERS ELECTED

**At Meeting of the Little Kanawha Coal & Coke Company Stockholders at Uniontown**

Stockholders of the Little Kanawha Coal & Coke Company met at the office of A. Plumer Austin at Uniontown Thursday afternoon and elected the directors: A. C. Sherrard, W. Sherrard, John D Frisbee, Jule H Frasher, Thomas A. Howatt, John L Gans, J C Moore, J D Madigan, John M Fore, N. A. Rist and A. Plumer Austin.

The directors elected as officers A C Sherrard, President; John D Frisbee, Vice President; A. Plumer Austin, Secretary and Treasurer; W. J. Sherrard, N. A. Rist and John L. Gans, Auditors. The company has a paid up capital of $100,000 and owns 10,000 acres of Pittsburg coal in Gilmore county, West Virginia.

### CREWS LAID OFF

**At Dickerson Run Because Coke Shipments Fall Off**

Three Lake Erie crews were cut off at Dickerson Run Sunday owing to the slump in the coke business.

These crews are the Dickerson Run pool crews which haul coke trains between Dickerson Run and Haselton, O., with layovers at Dickerson Run.


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### ICE BROKE UNDER THE SKATERS

**As They Were Circling About Center of the Reservoir About 9 O'clock Last Night—Bodies Were All Recovered by Party of Rescuers From Dawson**

Five young people met death by drowning while skating on the old Frick reservoir at Jimtown Wednesday night. Three young men lost their lives in an effort to rescue the couple that first broke through the ice. The dead are:

George Cochran, 20 years old, son of Frank Cochran, who lives on a farm about a mile from Dawson.

Frank Cochran, 18 years old, brother of George Cochran.

John Luxner, 1- years old, son of Anthony Luxner, who lives on a farm adjoining the Jimtown works.

Elizabeth Fulmer, 17 years old, daughter of Daniel Fulmer who lives on a farm next to the reservoir.

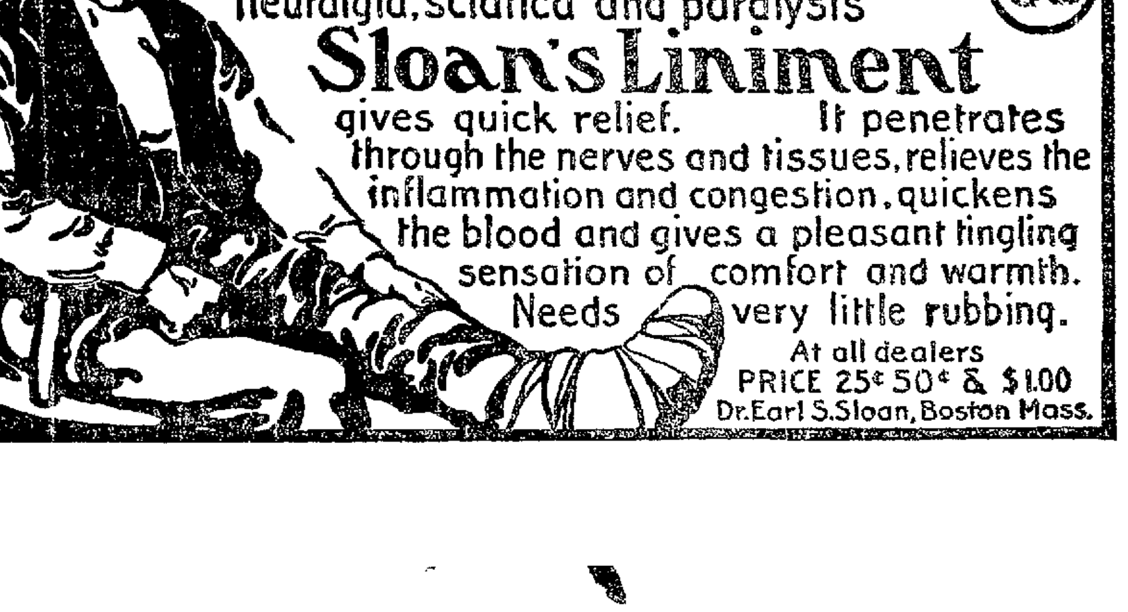
William Fulmer, 2- years old and brother of the drowned girl.

Andrew Mack was the only one of the party that escaped. After the ice broke with the rescuers he managed to struggle to the side of the reservoir where he crawled up on the bank and lay for some minutes completely exhausted. The Jimtown reservoir has been frozen over for several days. Skating parties have been on the ice frequently. Last night the party was about to quit when George Cochran suggested to Miss Fulmer that they skate around once more. They started and were circling about the center of the reservoir when without the slightest warning the ice gave way and they sank in 12 feet of water. Cochran could swim, but with his skates on and the frantic efforts of the girl he sank with her.

William Fulmer, Frank Cochran, Andrew Mack and John Luxner who were near the edge of the reservoir and were preparing to take their skates off at once made a chain and lying flat on the ice stretched out in an effort to catch the drowning couples as they came to the surface. When they did come up the boy farthest out in his efforts to reach either Cochran or Miss Fulmer pressed heavily on the thin ice and it went down with a crash carrying all four boys into the water. For a minute they struggled desperately in the chilled water and broken ice and then went down. For a minute it seemed that Miss Fulmer and Cochran would be rescued as they came up but the breaking of the ice under the rescuers threw them into terror and struggling confusion. Frantically gripping each other the five young men sank in sight of eight or ten children from about Jimtown works who had also been skating on the reservoir.

Karl Murtland who was also one of the skating party saw the drowning but was powerless to render any assistance. He had taken off his skates and had started away from the reservoir for his home. He turned back when he heard the smothered cries of the drowning boys and girl, but they were down for the last time before he could have planned any help.

When word of the tragedy reached Dawson Dr H J Bell was notified and made up a rescue party. They took a boat and grappling hooks and were soon at work in the reservoir searching for the bodies. In the party were Harry Rush, who directed the work, Lloyd Stauffer, Frank Barnett, A. J. Cochran, Lemoyne French, James Stauffer and Pierce Anderson. A large crowd gathered about the reservoir and for two hours watched the work of rescue. The body of Frank Cochran was first recovered, then that of George Cochran, Luxner, Miss Fulmer and William Fulmer, her brother. The bodies were all recovered before 12 o'clock and were removed to their homes.

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## ALL THE ELEMENTS OF DISASTER.

The officials of the Fairmont Coal Company have disclosed their theory of the Monongah mine explosion. They think that a blowout shot ignited two cans of powder, which in turn exploded the dust in the mine, creating a series of explosions that increased in violence, killing some of the men and liberating gas which suffocated those who escaped the violence of the explosions.

The books tell us, however, that there can be no explosion of dust unless it is mixed with some proportion of gas, though that proportoin may be small. While the Monongah mine has been held to be a non-gaseous mine, testimony has been adduced that it did contain pockets of gas dangerous enough to seriously burn some of the men and the mules in the pit.

If we are to believe this evidence, the Monongah mine, regarded as one of the safest mines, modern in its appointments, a model of mining practise, contained all the elements of disaster; but the elements were diminutive and consequently not alarming.

The testimony as a whole furnishes a reasonable explanation of the cause of the disaster and emphasizes the suspicion long entertained, that there are few mines wholly free from gas and consequently from the dangers of mine explosions.

## MINING LAWS MUST BE RESPECTED.

Four foreign miners entered a Latrobe mine with open lights and tore down the danger signals. The mine had been shut down with the dull times, throwing them out of employment. Their actions were inspired by an unreasoning and reckless resentment against the mine owners, which might have proven far more disastrous to themselves than to the property they wantonly destroyed.

The Westmoreland courts should make an example of those men in the interest of future safety. Recent terrible mine disasters have aroused public sentiment concerning the employment of all possible means of safeguarding the miner, and the latter should be required to do his share to that end as well as his employer. The malicious mischief of the four Latrobe miners was a small part of their offense. They should be made to realize, and through them every other miner made to appreciate, the downright criminality of deliberately inviting a mine explosion, either recklessly or wantonly.

The duty of justice is plain. The courts must make the mining laws respected.

## THE MONONGAH VERDICT AND MINE LAW REVISION.

The verdict of the inquest inquiring into the Monongah mine disaster is far from being conclusive. The jury complains that the testimony of witnesses expert and otherwise was contradictory, but its own conclusion may be criticised by the witnesses for a similar reason. It is hard to conceive how an explosion of powder alone could have wrecked a large mining operation and killed so many men unless there was a powder mill located in the midst of the mine, and there is no such evidence.

The verdict is more elaborate as to recommendations than it is as to the chief subject of inquiry. These recommendations are excellent, but not new. Before they were known at least two of them were being acted on, namely: 1. Federal inquiry; and, 2. The use of safety or flameless powder instead of the common black powder hitherto used in the Monongah mine. Congressman Huff, Chairman of the House Mines Committee, has secured the passage of a resolution giving his committee full power to make thorough investigations of the recent mine disasters and to report a remedial bill. The Pittsburg district coal operators have called a convention to consider how best to prevent mine explosions, but before consultation it is agreed that a fulminite or flameless powder must be substituted for black powder in blasting coal.

The Pittsburg operators seem to think the requirement will be difficult of enforcement because of the unwillingness of the miners to use such a powder, it not being so explosive and so effective as the black powder. The insinuation is rather gratuitous. Let the miners have a chance, and let them also understand that they must obey the mining laws as well as the operators.

Some of the coke operators of the Connellsville region hold to the view that the present Pennsylvania mining law is complete enough in itself to protect life and property if it is enforced. Possibly so, but there will be no harm in its careful consideration, if for no other purpose than providing more effective means of enforcing the law. It must be remembered, also, that the Connellsville region operators are now disputing the interpretation of the Pennsylvania mining laws in one particular at least. That particular bears vitally upon the powder question. It is the practise of "shooting the solid." This matter should be definitely determined.

There is another mine inquest coming which may develop further questions for legislative consideration. The coming mining legislation should be free from passion, prejudice and haste. It should be well and carefully considered with a view the enactment of all necessary requirements to safety on reasonable and equitable lines.

## THE DARR MINE INQUEST.

The story of the Darr mine disaster seems to be unfolding itself rapidly before the Coroner and the jury of inquest, and it is probable that the initial cause is already uncovered.

The record of the mine boss made on the fatal day says: "I have examined Section 28, 29 and 30 and found gas in the second left on 29, 15c 16, 17 and 18 on second right. On 29 fence off falling and third right on 28 fenced off. Balance of working places clear and in safe condition." It is proposed to prove that the bodies of five men were found in the second left of Section 29, together with a mule, a wagon loaded with coal and a cap with an open lamp. From this testimony, the theory will be evolved that these five men, contrary to the mine rules and the mining laws, took down the "fences," entered the dangerous section, engaged in mining therein with an open light, and, either through that instrumantality, or by the firing of a blast in the coal, caused an explosion, killing the party and echoing death throughout the whole of the doomed pit.

Supported by evidence promised, the theory is a very natural and reasonable one, and it may be accepted by the inquest. It is one which will exonerate the company from responsibility for damages. This may not be satisfactory to all those who have lost their relatives in the disaster. Some of them, with the assistance of legal talent, may contemplate action for damages.

But the inquest should be conducted impartially and the evidence submitted should be scrutinized with the utmost care. The jurors should strive to arrive at a verdict which will stand the test of time and the law courts.

## PREMEDITATED DEMOCRATIC PESSIMISM.

The Johnstown Democrat makes haste to justify a recent prediction in these columns that the Democratic organs would soon begin to demonstrate that the times were badly out of joint, due to Republican rule, and would so remain until Democratic doctors were installed at Washington to cure the business ills of the country and restore to the people their departed prosperity. The Democrat says:

> If the Republicans were even responsible for charging up the panic of 1893 to the Democrats, the Democrats are today amply warranted in charging up the present industrial smash to the Republicans. The tariff has been in full force and effect for ten years. It has been undisturbed and unthreatened. Yet it has failed under the crucial test to keep open the mills and to furnish steady employment at high wages to labor. It has stimulated the cost of living almost beyond precedent. It has invited the ungrowth of trusts until today the masses are at the mercy of these economic monsters. It has inspired a perfect orgy of speculation. It has stimulated a speculative fever that is almost without a parallel. But it could not prevent the smash that it inevitably invited. It could not overcome the workings of natural law. It could not head off the reaction which must always follow excesses. And now we find it as futile as a fever dream. In it very face the mills have been closed. In spite of all its lying promises the country is full of idle labor. In open challenge of its atrocious false pretense the wolf is at the door of thousands of homes. In mockery of its vain boastings the charity organizations have broken down under the unparalleled strain of attempting to relieve the suffering which has come when Dingleyism was in the very heyday of its glory and when the party which worships in blind faith at its shrine was swearing renewed devotion and refusing absolutely to lay a finger upon any of its sacred schedules.
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> Simple denial of responsibility must fail to clear the Republican party of guilt in connection with this crime against labor and business. It has had things its own way. It has done what it pleased. It has had no effectual check upon its policies. The people have been in a long dream of "overflowing prosperity." They have counted their riches in their gorgeous dream and have lived splendidly in their fool's paradise. But now the rude awakening has come. The pot of gold which they had found at the end of the prosperity rainbow has somehow vanished. All the miracles of the vision have somehow faded into mere nothingness. Like Dead Sea fruit the golden apple whose luscious flavor had been upon their lips as they dreamed has turned to ashes with the breaking of the spell. The low and sordid soup house by some rude transformation now stands where the glittering palace of the phantasy had reared its stately towers.

Premeditated pessimism is expected to prevail among Democratic politicians and political organs from this time forward until and including the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, next. After that date the Democratic orators and organs will be ready to confess some more kindly things concerning the Republican President-elect and the future's returning prosperity, even as the Official Organ of the Yough found strength to do for the incoming Republican county officials a few days since. We therefore not unreasonably hope that the present dark forebodings of the Johnstown Democrat may also be lifted and that it may rejoice in the light of restored abundance under wise and beneficent Republican rule.

Editor Bailey is eloquent in his denunciation of the Tariff which he declares to be the root of all our evils. The Tariff bred the Trusts; the Trusts bred Speculation; Speculation bred Panic; Panic bred Suffering. This is his indictment reduced to few words.

There is no connection between the Tariff and the Trusts. The latter were the result of business evolution. There is more truth in the second count, that the Trusts bred speculation, but the speculation was quite incidental and not a necessary part of business combination. We might have had just as much speculation without Trust stocks. It is uncontrovertibly true that speculation bred panic, and panic has bred suffering; but the panic is passing, the suffering has not yet been seriously felt and does not promise to be.

All this may be disappointing to the Democratic croakers, but it will be quite gratifying to the people who care more for prosperity than for party, who look back on the past ten years with satisfaction and forward to a renewal of the previous disastrous Democratic rule with suspicion.

## THE PROMPT PAYING TAX HABIT.

In invoking the penalties of the law against tax delinquents, Collector Brown is only doing an unpleasant duty. The delinquents have failed in their duty. The collector has no choice. He is a public officer charged with a public duty.

Taxes are not private indebtedness, but public, and their payment is a public duty. They are required to be paid within the year of their levy and it is the duty of the collector to enforce payment within that period. The only criticism which can be passed upon Collector Brown is that he has been too lenient with the delinquents, especially those who have not yet paid their 1906 taxes.

The payment of taxes is largely a habit. The Connellsville public, and the public of this section of the State pretty generally, have acquired through the easygoing policy of former collectors the habit of tardy tax settlements. They have been permitted to pay practically when they pleased, and it has pleased them to pay in a few years instead of a few months. This habit must be broken, and to the task of establishing a new rule every collector in Fayette county should address his best efforts.

It is just as easy to pay taxes promptly if one gets the habit.

## GREATER CONNELLSVILLE WORTH LOOKING AFTER.

The registry returns discloses some gratifying facts to the people of the proposed Greater Connellsville. They show that we are the biggest town in Fayette county and that Connellsville borough proper is alone big enough for a city of the third class.

The registry shows 2,391 voters in Connellsville, indicating a population of about 12,000. There are in New Haven 475 voters registered, which would add nearly 2,400 more population. An extension of the borough lines of both boroughs to take in the adjacent and communicating population would add from 3,000 to 4,000 more to the population, making a city of about 18,000, with a voting strength of 3,600. These facts emphasize the importance of consolidation with New Haven and expansion to take in the suburban population before the census of 1910. The matter should not be lost sight of for a moment. Now is the time to strike. Here is another chance for the Merchants' Association to distinguish itself. The free bridge was the opening wedge to this still greater accomplishment. Shall the larger achievement remain unaccomplished? Shall it fall for want of vigilance and action?

The Uniontown Standard figures out from the returns that Uniontown is a bigger town than Connellsville, because its registry is 2,870 votes as against 2,391 for Connellsville. This is quite true. But across the Yough river connected with us by a free bridge is the borough of New Haven with 475 registered voters. The two boroughs are one community in everything save municipal government, and they will soon be one in this. At present their combined registry is 2,866 voters, just four less than that of Uniontown. That's not such a slight of difference, especially when it is considered that Uniontown has profited generally by being the county seat and especially by the recent immense industrial developments in the Lower Connellsville region which is naturally tributary to Uniontown.

We are more than holding our own with any other Fayette county community, and with the expansions indicated we will easily be the leading city in "Old Fiat." It will mean much for us as a community. It is worth looking after.

## HIGH AND LOW FAYETTE COUNTY JUSTICE.

District Attorney Henderson is making a practical effort to keep petty cases out of court. He has appealed to the Justices of the Peace of Fayette county to assist in this good work instead of promoting the evils complained of either knowingly or unwittingly. In his circular to the Justices, he says:

> Very often, a defendant upon being arrested, will waive a hearing and give bail for court. This most frequently occurs in those trifling and spiteful cases in which both parties are equally anxious to get into court. While you cannot prevent this procedure on the part of the defendant, you can and should advise him that as a matter of right he should demand a hearing. Because an information is made against a defendant, it does not follow that he should be held for court. The preliminary hearing is for the purpose of determining, in the opinion of the Justice, whether or not the Commonwealth has sufficient, reliable and satisfactory proof of the defendant's guilt of the offense charged as would warrant his being held for court. In other words, the Commonwealth should make out a prima facie case against the defendant before he should be required to appear in court and answer the charge against him. If he cannot do this, the case should be discharged.

The District Attorney admits that the Justice cannot prevent the defendant in a petty case from waiving a hearing and giving bail for court. This being the law, the Judge may not criticise a Justice whose return discloses this fact. As to those returns that show a preliminary hearing and holding to bail upon evidence submitted, if this is done in good faith and upon sufficient testimony, the Justice has done his duty; but he should be careful that the evidence is sufficient, and he is invited by the District Attorney to consult with him when in doubt as to this or any other matters concerning the particular case under consideration.

It may sometimes happen that witnesses who testified before the Justice may be absent from court or may testify differently. The Court should assume that the testimony was sufficient below and should not criticise and humiliate the Justice unless the evidence plainly disproves this assumption. The rules should be the same in the administration of the High, the Middle and the Low Justice.

In the meantime, the suggestions of the District Attorney are timely and instructive.

## BLOODHOUNDS FOR THE BOROUGH.

The proposition of the Chief of Police, that Connellsville borough invest in a couple of bloodhounds to assist in running down and capturing the burglars that infest the community, is not entirely new or wholly without merit.

While the evidence of the canine tribe is not necessarily conclusive, experience has shown that it is decidedly helpful in many cases. The bloodhound is incapable of knowing the nature of an oath, or of taking one if he knew its solemn character, or of testifying in any other manner than by dumb show, and even then doubtfully; but the animal's scent is abnormal and it can track the footsteps of man when man even though a policeman cannot. If the four-footed sleuth follows accurately and locates certainly, there are always corroborative circumstances within reach of discovery. It is up to the police to do the rest.

The suggestion of the Chief is worthy of consideration. Unless the persistent robberies cease, the authorities are in duty bound to use every possible effort to break up the robber gangs, even to the employment of dumb detectives.

## DEFICIENCIES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

One of the most glaring deficiencies in the fire-fighting equipment of Connellsville is its utter lack of appliances for reaching the tops of the taller buildings. At least two recent disastrous fires which threatened wholesale conflagration could have been extinguished at little loss, and all danger to other property averted, with the proper equipment for elevating the hose sufficiently to permit full and free play on the roofs and into the top stories of the high buildings.

The hook and ladder equipment of the department has never been what it should be. For many years it was more of a joke than anything else. It has since been added to, but it is still far from being complete.

Above all, there should be better organization of the fire companies and a thorough system of responsibility for the proper care of the fire equipment; and all should be supplemented by frequent and careful inspection of the equipment on the part of the Town Council. One of the great weaknesses of the Connellsville fire department in times past has been the indifferent condition of its hose and other equipment when suddenly called into service. At supreme moments it has frequently failed, and the failure has cost more than all its proper care could possibly have amounted to.

## AN OPEN CHALLENGE TO ALL DOUBTERS.

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." It seems that The News isn't satisfied with the results of its former challenge of The Courier's circulation. It says:

> Editorially, The Courier now talks of its "more than 5,000 readers." The Sleepy Alley journal is at last getting near to the truth. When anyone speaks of more than 5,000 it is always understood he means less than 6,000. Some estimate that every newspaper is read by five persons, but, accepting the low estimate that every paper is read by four persons the circulation of The Courier, according to the editor's own figures, is far, far below the statement published sometimes at the head of the editorial columns. The Sleepy Alley contemporary may yet throw off its Ananias title.

The Courier prints the exact truth concerning its circulation. It is the only Fayette county daily newspaper that has the courage to do so. It not only prints a statement each week of the exact number of unspoiled copies it prints, but it also swears to the fact through those of its employes whose duty it is to have knowledge of it.

It does not hesitate to make the statement under oath because it is a fact, and because the fact is capable of ready and complete establishment by evidence both direct and corroborative. The Courier makes no vague claims, no sly insinuations. It deals in actual figures. It opens its books week by week to its advertisers, so they may know just what measure of publicity they are getting for their money.

Do the advertisers in The News get similar treatment? How many of them know what advertising in its columns is worth? The circulations of The Courier and The News were once under joint investigation by a committee of the Connellsville merchants. The report has never been published. Can The News tell why? Does The News want to go into the circulation matter again?

We hope so, because nothing would please The Courier better. We welcome an investigation of our circulation and its comparison with that of any other daily newspaper in Fayette county. We do more. We challenge it.

## NEW HAVEN'S UNWISE YOUNG JUDGES.

The unwise young judges of the New Haven High School, after exhaustive and eloquent debate, have negatived the question, "Resolved, That half an education is better than none." In other words, no education is preferable to half an education. They probably believe that "A little learning is a dangerous thing," and that none at all is preferable, possibly as a measure of public safety.

The proverb, however, is not to be seriously considered. The experience of the public schools has been to the contrary. The people who opposed the Common School and the principles upon which it is based, took the same view that the majority of the New Haven High School have adopted. They did not approve of educating the Common People. They believed that they themselves were the elect, and that none others were fitted to rule this nation. They were the aristocrats. Their very existence was a reflection upon the free government under which they lived and which they thought it their divine right to rule.

Better a half education, that is a common school education stopping at the High School, than none at all. Half an education means at least intelligence in consideration of the ordinary questions of the day, and to that extent is preferable to utter ignorance and stupidity.

## WHY CONNELLSVILLE PAYS HIGH INSURANCE.

The rates of insurance against loss by fire in Connellsville are greater than they ought to be, but it seems that we have nobody but ourselves to blame. The local press has from time to time protested the truth of this condition, but the fire insurance interests have finally demonstrated it by figures. These figures are most interesting, not to say instructive. They furnish a tangible basis for reform, and the work of reformation should be prompt and energetic.

The report of the underwriters shows how we may reduce our insurance rates 41 cents per $100. This extra charge is imposed upon us for extra fire risks attributed to the following defects in our fire protective system: For inefficient fire department organization, equipment and other deficiencies, including lack of a steam fire engine, insufficient hose and defective fire alarm, 32 cents; for three fire hydrants improperly placed, 3 cents; total, 35 cents. A credit of 2 cents is allowed on this for our acknowledged excellent day and night police protection, reducing the net borough deficiency to 33 cents.

Of the remaining 8 cents, 7 cents is added because of deficiencies in the water company's plant, and 1 cent because of the fact that the water plant is not owned by the municipality. This is the only advantage of municipal ownership of the water plant that has ever been practically demonstrated. Experience has almost universally shown that private ownership of public utilities has been marked by more careful management than public ownership, and perhaps also by more economical expenditure. This may be the underlying reason for this 1-cent charge. The insurance interests evidently believe that public ownership of water plants induces a more liberal expenditure for improvements necessary to proper fire protection, not only because the matter comes directly home to the taxpayers, but also on the general principle that it is easier to spend other people's money than it is to spend one's own.

It must be said for the Connellsville Water Company, however, that its management has always shown a disposition to be fair and to fulfill in letter and in spirit the terms of its contract with the borough and the people. We have no doubt it will use its earliest and best efforts to remedy all the defects charged against it, save possibly that of private ownership.

The Town Council should urge such action upon the water company, and at the same time it should address itself energetically to the task of remedying the defects on the part of the borough which add so much to the burden of fire protection.

## THE PROPOSED CRAWFORD MONUMENT.

The proposition to erect a Crawford monument at Connellsville is tardy justice to the memory of a Pioneer and Patriot.

That he was a personal friend of the Father of his Country is not a sufficient reason for this signal honor, since Washington had many friends; but Colonel Crawford was more than this; he was one of the Builders of this now mighty Nation; he was one of those great men who helped to lay its foundations in the days that tried men's souls; and in its defense against the foe, both white and red, he was ever in the forefront of battle.

He distinguished himself as well in civil as in military life; he was one of the leaders of his time, and he was so because of his ability and his courage; he was a character in history, he occupies a place in its indestructible Hall of Fame.

His life was in a large measure devoted to the service of his young and struggling country, and we of later years who have reaped so bounteously where he had sown are but doing his memory a long-delayed and scanty justice in erecting a monument to commemorate his life and public services.

Monuments to such public men are valuable, not only as mere evidences of sentiment, but also as enduring object lessons in patriotism, that spirit which is the life of the nation and without which decay and ruin must be its portion.

The lessons of patriotism cannot be too impressively presented to the present and coming generations. The proposed Crawford monument will be a proud and gratifying work of adornment to Connellsville, but as a national investment it will be infinitely more valuable.

## THE FUTURE OF CONNELLSVILLE.

"What is going to become of the Connellsville region when the coal is all mined out?" is a question that has frequently been propounded, but which has never been seriously considered until quite recently owing to the large area of Connellsville coking coal still undeveloped. The extensive operations of the past several years have again raised the question, but it is already been answered in many ways.

It has just been discovered that Fayette county alone has 25,000 acres of the Sewickley coal which is said to make good coke. It is also known to have the Freeport measures in considerable quantity. It no doubt has other mineral resources beneath the surface awaiting development. Even when in the centuries before us they are gone, new industries may take the places of the old ones.

It is useless to borrow trouble from the future. Desolation is not yet in sight. But in the meantime, it will be wise for the present generation to provide against the future by the establishment of diversified industries. To do this requires energy and enterprise. These qualities the Connellsville capitalists should strive always to develop.

## THE PRIMARY LAW; WHO MAY IGNORE IT.

The Commissioners of some Pennsylvania counties have taken the liberty of ignoring the Uniform Primary law in the nomination of candidates for the spring election, basing their refusal to hold such primaries on the ground that the law makes it optional.

It is true that the language of the law leaves us in some doubt. The law was evidently loosely drawn or ill-advisedly amended. But if it leaves the matter in doubt as to which method may be employed in making spring nomination, it leaves the authority of the Commissioners as judges of the matter in even greater doubt. The nature of the law is such that if any particular party, or any certain candidates of any party, file nomination papers, it is difficult to see how they may be ignored, especially in the absence of any specific official instructions from the various party organizations recognized by the laws.

In Lawrence county, the court has compelled the Commissioners to hold the Winter Primary because the Socialist party filed nomination papers. Judge Porter holds that the Uniform Primary Act may not be ignored by the Commissioners unless it is ignored by the parties and the people. This is the view the Fayette Commissioners took of the law immediately after its passage, and it is a just and reasonable interpretation.

In the matter of the primary law, the Initiative does not belong to the County Commissioners, but the Referendum only.

## THE WORTHLESS SLAUGHTERERS OF SHEEP.

The Waynesburg Independent enters an indignant protest against the sheep-slaughtering dog. Its remarks are provoked by the following items in the annual statement of county expenditures: "Killing dogs, $6.72; sheep damages, $3,343.20." The Independent says the sheep-raising industry of Greene county has fallen behind wonderfully in the last few years. While the hills are peculiarly adapted to sheep grazing that industry does not reach one-tenth the proportions it could and should, and it is suggested that the sheep-killing dog is responsible for this profitless state of affairs.

The complaint of The Independent is a common one. We have heard it in Fayette county many times in recent years. Stricter enforcement of the present dog law would better the situation by materially reducing the canine population, but the law itself might possibly be made more stringent and effective. The question is one for the farmers. They should discuss it in their clubs and organizations and devise some remedies if possible. Their recommendations will go far with the lawmakers if officially urged at Harrisburg.

"Love me, love my dog," is an old saw based on a keen knowledge of human nature. Too many worthless dogs encumber the earth because of man's attachment to them, and often the more worthless the dog the greater the master's love, but no such silly sentiment should be permitted to interfere with the rights of property.

## VOTE DOWN TOWNSHIP GRAFT.

The cash road tax is growing in favor in Fayette county. Several more townships will vote upon it at the February election. Their citizens will not be wise in their generation if they do not adopt the cash system and do away at once and forever with the extravagant, unbusinesslike, graft-breeding work tax.

Too many people loaf out their work tax instead of working it out, and under the system of payment as commonly practised too many substitute workers fail to work at all.

The cash system of doing business is always the most economical and the most satisfactory from every point of view, and it applies to public as well as private business. The taxpayer who does not want to work his road tax out by day labor or with horses and wagons and scoops and plows, pays the amount in cash under the work tax system just the same. Under the cash tax system, the work tax workers, if they do an honest day's toil, can usually get enough employment on the roads to earn all they pay in taxes, and possibly more. The transaction remains practically the same, save that the loafers and the grafters are eliminated from it.

'Tis a consummation which every intelligent and honest taxpayer should desire and should make effective by his vote.

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Luzerne township's Tax Collector has settled his county tax duplicate for 1907. Luzerne township is one of the largest districts in the county. There is no reason why tax duplicates should not be settled up within the year of their issue. Hustle and determination will do it, and once the practise of paying taxes within the year is established, they will be just as easily collected within that period as they now are within periods varying from two to four or five years. We are creatures of habit. If the Tax Collectors get the quick-settling habit, the taxpayers will have acquired the quick-paying habit, and everybody will be better off and happier.

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The Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad is suspected of heading for Greene county. Its managers would be under the just suspension of stupidity if they did not head there soon.

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The last vestige of the currency panic is disappearing.

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Colonel McClure, the veteran journalist, is 80 years of age and has seen the world improve. People in the evening of life are prone to see things darkly. Colonel McClure is 80 years young.

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If Fayette county does not get its share of State roads it will not be from any lack of petitions.

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The Anti-Saloon League of Washington county will undertake to show to the court that breweries are nuisances. The breweries are engaged in a lawful business, which is not a nuisance per se, but which might possibly become so by gross mismanagement. But this would have to be established to the satisfaction of the court to warrant its interference.

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Let us hope that the Winter Primary will not be like the late Green Christmas either in its weather or the color of its inducements.

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Some railway passenger conductors evidently need to take lessons in the School of Politeness.

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Rockwood has hopes of being a railroad center.

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A Brownsville man has been literally worried to death. Many people who complain loudly and incessantly of this disorder never know what trouble is.

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The tin plate mills are making a start, but there is still room for movement at South Connellsville.

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A report comes from Morgantown to the effect that the Sheriff tried to get on the water wagon, but got left; in a dry town, too.

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Whooping Cough and Grip are enemies of education just now.

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"Eatabite" Tibbs, Fayette county's Penitentiary character, is developing into an inventor. Perhaps his forced seclusion will be his making. Let us hope so.

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The Johnstown Democrat says we haven't read all of Good William Flinn's Manifesto or we wouldn't say that it contained no reference to the Referendum. We read all we saw of it in the Pittsburg papers, and if they didn't run in the Referendum they failed to referee Bill's game fairly.

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If it is worth $8,000 to sell a $48,000 coke plant when times are good, how much commission should an agent receive for selling coke when Pay Checks are popular currency? Respectfully referred to the Coke Producers' Association.

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The Open Door may be all right, but the Open Grate should be looked upon with the eye of suspicion.

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The Fayette county courts are trying to impress upon the minds of miners that the mine laws are made for them as well as for others. The lesson cannot be too seriously impressed.

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The habit of arresting people on suspicion should be exercised with much care and judgment by the police. The practise is not sanctioned by the laws of the land.

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Scottdale is having its share of fires lately, but the borough has a good fire department.

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Unseasonable winter weather brings a train of trouble from troublesome disorders to violent deaths, but the Jimtown reservoir skating tragedy is peculiarly sad not to say shocking. Coroner Bell's first official duty was personally most painfully.

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The smoke of resuming industry is curling skyward again without the aid or consent of political pessimists.

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The Washington woman who asks for a divorce because her husband hasn't bathed for twenty years ought to have it without undue delay. "His offense is rank. It smells to heaven."

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Congressman Cooper is doing a rushing pension business.

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Judge Ewing's vacant seat on the Federal bench didn't get cold. The honor didn't have to go begging, nor by the same token did it require Senator Knox a long time to make up his mind whom to endorse.

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The demand of the Somerset county road operators for the double-tracking of the Somerset branch doesn't have a hard-times sound.

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Every time a Somerset county farmer lends about a suit in court to recover thousands of dollars on coal options, he goes out behind the barn and promises himself never again to have anything to do with optioners. A few more of these suits will put the Local Optioners out of business in Somerset county and make their cause mighty wobbly over in Greene and Washington.

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"The Republican party must go!" says the Uniontown Genius. Editor John Lester Keffer is getting excited.

# MORTON WILL OPINION

## Vacating Will of Mrs. Amanda Morton Filed by W. A. Bishop.

## CODICIL OF OCTOBER 8, 1906.

**Added to Will of June 20, 1905, Changed Matters, and This Will Now Be Filed for Probate in the Register's Office.**

Following is the opinion and court record in full of Judge J. C. Work in the Morton will case, decided in Uniontown during the past week, in which the first will probated of Mrs. Amanda Morton was vacated and the will in the hands of A. B. Morton, her husband, admitted as the last will and testament of Mrs. Morton:

The statement is as follows: Mrs. Amanda Morton, a resident of Connellsville, Pa., died on November 8, 1906, leaving to survive her a husband, Alexander B. Morton, and one grandson, Ralph S. Morton.

On December 6, 1905, a will dated July 20, 1905, was presented to the Register of Wills of Fayette county and was probated and letters testamentary were duly granted to William A. Bishop, named in said will.

On December 10, 1906, four days later, A. B. Morton, the surviving husband, presented to the same Register a will dated June 22, 1905, with codicil attached thereto dated October 8, 1906, and requested that the same be probated. The Register refused probate of this will on the ground that one will in this estate had already been probated.

March 1, 1907, Alexander B. Morton entered an appeal to the Orphans' Court, from the decision of the Register of Wills in admitting to probate a certain paper in writing dated July 20, 1905, as the last will of Amanda Morton, deceased, and granting letters testamentary thereon. Bond for appeal in the sum of $1,000 was filed with the Register March 12, 1907.

On September 16, 1907, the said Alexander B. Morton presented his petition to the Orphans Court of Fayette county praying that the probate of the will dated July 20, 1905, and letters granted thereon to William A. Bishop be set aside, for the following reasons: First, that said probated will was procured by fraud and the exercise of undue and improper influence upon the said Amanda Morton, deceased; second, that your petitioner has the only true and lawful last will and testament of the said Amanda Morton, deceased, dated June 22, 1905, with codicil attached thereto dated October 8, 1906, in which your petitioner is duly and properly named therein, to show cause why the probate of said will *should not be vacated*. The rule was made returnable October 7, 1907. To this rule William A. Bishop, the executor, filed on October 7, 1907, his answer, alleging that the probated will was, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the last will of decedent and that the same was executed without undue influence, and further that the paper dated October 8, 1906, purporting to be a codicil to the will of June 22, 1905, is not the true and correct will nor a part thereof, and that decedent on October 8, 1906, was incompetent to make a will, and that the same was procured and obtained by the exercise of improper and undue influence. Upon the issue thus made up, hearings were had where all parties interested in both wills were present in court or were represented by counsel when a large amount of testimony was taken.

The appeal put at issue the single question and that related to the will already probated: Was it the last will of Amanda Morton deceased? The appellant contended that it was not and offered in evidence at the hearing the will dated June 22, 1905, with codicil attached dated October 8, 1906, and proved the execution of both will and codicil by two subscribing witnesses. The execution of the codicil amounts in law to a republication of the will of June 22, 1905. The two papers are therefore to be read together for the purpose of discovering the intention of the testatrix and as forming one testamentary act. Considering the will of June 22, 1905, and the codicil attached thereto of October 8, 1906, we have before us the probated will dated July 20, 1905, and the will now offered bearing date October 8, 1906. The will now offered in evidence was executed by the same testatrix fourteen and one-half months after the probated will of July 20, 1905, and is testamentary in character.

Whether the will now probated or the one offered in evidence were forged, procured by undue influence, or executed by one lacking testamentary capacity the court is not now called upon to [illegible] Other proceedings would have to be instituted for the determination of these questions.

In conclusion, the court says: First, After carefully considering the testimony offered, the court is of the opinion and so finds that the will offered dated June 22, 1905, with codicil attached dated October 8, 1906, taken together and bearing date of October 8, 1906, and being testamentary in character, is prima facie the last testamentary disposition of Arianda Morton, deceased.

Second. That the decree admitting to probate the will dated July 20, 1905, should be opened up and decree vacated, set aside and annulled. For authority see Cowley's Appeal, 162 P. S. 520. Crawford vs. Schooley, Appellant 217 P. S. 429.

The order and decree is as follows: Now, January 6, 1908, this case came on to be heard and was argued by counsel, and now, January 13, 1908, after due consideration, the court orders and directs that the decree of the Register of Wills of Fayette county in admitting to probate the will of Amanda Morton, deceased, dated July 20, 1905, be and the same is hereby vacated and set aside and the appellants are hereby directed to produce before the Register the will and codicil bearing date October 8, 1906, and proceed to prove the same according to law.

### MAD DOG SCARE.

**Italian at Indian Creek Bitten Before Canine Was Killed.**

A mad dog invaded the bustling village of Indian Creek last week and for a few minutes proved the center of attraction. After biting a number of other dogs and an Italian laborer, the rabid canine was killed.

The dogs bitten by the mad dog were also killed. The wounded Italian has gone to Pittsburg for treatment.

## ARE SURPRISED

**At Report of Underwriters on Our Fire Protection.**

W. K. Dunbar, a representative of the Connellsville Water Company, was here Wednesday looking over the company's plant. He was surprised to read in The Courier the report of the Underwriters concerning the defects in the plant. "They usually give us a copy of such reports," he said, "but this is the first information we have of the Connellsville report; and," he added, "this is the first time within my recollection that we were ever charged because of private ownership with increasing the danger of fire losses."

Mr. Dunbar departed to hunt for a copy of the Underwriters' report, which he desired to take back to Pittsburg with him for the purpose of presenting it to General Manager J. H. Purdy for proper action.

# FALLS IN THE RIVER.

## A Drunken Polander at Meyersdale Topples Into Casselman.

## CLOTHES ARE FOUND ON BRIDGE

**River Was at Flood Tide and the Supposition is That His Body Was Carried Down Stream—He Refused Assistance.**

MEYERSDALE, Jan. 15.—A Polish man, who worked in the mines and boarded at House 13, at Shaw mine, is supposed to have fallen into the Casselman river and carried away by the swift current. Last night he left town in an intoxicated condition with several of his countrymen. Arriving at the swinging bridge across the river, the fellow lay down and refused to go farther. Later passersby tried to persuade him to go to his boarding house, but without avail.

He failed to show up today, and upon investigation his hat and one glove were found where he had lain, but no trace was found of the man. It was thought that in his drunken stupor the man tried to cross the bridge and fell overboard. The river was bank full and he easily could have been carried away.

## OLD MEMORIES

**Recalled to Aged Peoria, Ill., Woman Who Is a Native of Franklin Township.**

The following extract from a long letter received from Mrs. Sabina Gibson, formerly of the Flatwoods neighborhood, but now of Peoria, Ill., may interest some of the older people who knew her as a girl. Mrs. Gibson is now in her 90th year, and until the last few years paid regular visits to her native State. Her spelling is perfect and her writing is of the old angular style, yet plain and legible. She writes:

"When I read your letter it took me back years ago, when I lived in Pennsylvania. I think of the Bowmans and of going there when I was a little girl. That was several years ago, for I came to Illinois in 1841, and I was 23 years old then. So you must know I am not very young now. I can still knit lace. This fall I knit a pair of socks for Walter Gibson (her son). I have one son, one grandson and one great grandson. This is my family. Jane Harris is in Colorado. She was well the last I heard of her."

Mrs. Harris is Mrs. Gibson's sister, and they were both daughters of the late Edmund Freeman, who was among the early settlers of Franklin township, and are aunts on their mother's side of the Henry Galley family. She enjoys good health and the use of her mental faculties, as does Mrs. Katie Cooper, another sister, now in her 87th year, who resides at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Gibson's son is a lawyer and was for many years Judge of the county court. The grandson is a rising physician, and both are now of Chicago.


## DANDRUFF

**Can Easily Be Cured.**

In fact A. A. Clarke, the druggist, has a French Hair Restorer called Parisian Sage which costs only 50 cents a bottle that is guaranteed to cure Dandruff in two weeks or money back.

Parisian Sage is the discovery of Prof. Giroux, an eminent French Scientist and Hair Specialist, and is made in this country only by the Giroux Mfg. Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., who have the sole right to use Parisian Sage.

Parisian Sage is a most pleasant, daintily perfumed hair dressing and besides curing Dandruff your druggist will return your money if it fails to stop falling hair or itching of the scalp.

It will make hair grow, and women who desire soft, beautiful and luxuriant hair can have it in ten days by using this famous French preparation. A. A. Clarke sells it under a guarantee; you take no risk. 8


### Truants Fined.

Nine pupils of the Trotter school were fined Monday afternoon by Squire Graham of Dunbar township.

## LIST OF NEW BOOKS

**Now Ready for Circulation Among the Patrons of the Carnegie Free Library.**

The following list of new books have been received by the Carnegie Free Library and are now ready for circulation or for use in the library:

Baker History in Fiction Barton, Story of My Childhood; Benson, Beside Still Waters; Bryant, Stories to Tell to Children; Butler Time and Eolse Do Library; Commons, Races and Immigration in America; Cooke, Nature Myths; Davis, Three Minute Readings for College Girls Davis Three Minute Declamations for College Men, Field, Fingerposts to Children's Reading; Fiske, War of Independence; Fitzgerald, Parlez-vous Francais, Griffin, Esperanto in Twenty Lessons, Guest, Art and the Camera; Hodgson, Practical Bungalows and Cottages, Hyslop, Enigmas of Psychic Research; Judd, Psychology; Kingsley, Roman and Tuetonic; Leland, Reading and Repairing Lindsay, Gloria Christi, Methods, Nature's Craftsmen—Studies of Ants and Other Insects; Mabie, Famous Stories Every Child Should Know, Milton, Minor Poems; Phillips Lectures and Speeches, Pierce, Traveller's Joy, Preston, Private Life of the Romans, Prince, Dissociation of Personality, Roberts, Hunters of the Siberness; Roosevelt, Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail Roosevelt and Lodge, Hero Tales from American History, Shaw, Man and Superman; Sherwood, Daphne.

A series of 12 books by May Estelle Hurll, on Rembrandt, Titian and other painters, will be ready for circulation tomorrow.

The Centennial History of the Borough of Connellsville is now on the shelves of the reference room.

### TRAPPER'S RECORD.

**John Wilburn Has Secured Many Pelts This Season.**

John Wilburn, a veteran trapper, who resides at Charlestown, just across the Somerset line in Fayette county, this season secured the pelts of 28 foxes, 31 minks, 34 weasels, 66 skunks and 201 muskrats.

These pelts are of considerable value.

### GREENSBURG FIRE.

**Early This Morning Destroyed Building and Store of Temple & Sons.**

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 15.—Fire early this morning destroyed the building and hardware store of Henry B. Temple & Sons. The loss is $25,000, covered by insurance.

This makes the fourth time that the firm has been burned out.

# VETERANS' RANKS THINNING FAST.

## What the Roster of Jerry Jones Post at Smithfield Shows.

## EIGHT OF CHARTER LIST GONE

**The Post Now Has Thirty-Nine Members in Good Standing—Several Years Ago the Post Abolished All Dues and Assessments.**

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 16.—Some idea of the rapidly thinning ranks of the Civil War veterans can be gathered from a list taken from the roster of Jerry Jones Post No. 541, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., of this place. Since the organization of the Post October 25, 1886, 91 members have been added to the rolls either by muster or transfer from other Posts. Of this number 31 have died. This number is the known dead of which the Post has a record. Eight moved to other States soon after joining the Post and have been out of communication with the Post. Some of these are in all probability dead.

The charter contains 19 names: James Abraham, I. M. Abraham, James S. Rohrer, Jacob H. Jarrett, John Sutton, John T. Moser, David Williams, George T. Lewis, H. C. Hahn, A. J. Thompson, William A. Tibbs George W. Burner, John C. Hutchinson. Samuel Shock William B. Hicks, Samuel A. Conn, Henry O'Neil, Nelson Shafer and Harrison Anderson. The first eight named have answered to the last roll call and their mortal remains lie buried in cemeteries nearest the place of earthly abode in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. J. P. S. Gobin was Department Commander when the Post was instituted and his signature appears on the charter as does that of Thomas J. Stewart as Assistant Adjutant General.

The Post has 39 members in good standing now on their rolls, and these can never get in bad standing, as several years ago the Post abolished all dues and assessments. All it costs a comrade to join is to produce an honorable discharge from service in the Civil War, $1 muster fee and 40 cents for a badge. The Post is never behind with its per capita tax and its other obligations to the Department. It ranks first in efficiency in Fayette county. The field from which to recruit its ranks is limited, but there are still some without the fold. It invites these to join and help keep the camp fire burning to the end that justice may be done the living and the memory of their comrades gone before kept ever bright.

Three of the 39 members are 75 years of age and five are 70. The youngest member is 60 years old. The average age is 67½ years.

## UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

**Judge Umbel So Decides Act Exempting Pianos on Landlords' Warrants.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 15.—Judge Umbel decided as unconstitutional the amendment to the act exempting organs, pianos, etc., held on lease from landlords' warrants which looked to including soda water fountains in the provision. It was decided by Judge Umbel that as the amending act did not set forth in its title the purpose of the body of the act, it cannot stand.

The decision came from the court in a "case stated" between L. A. Becker and others against Rosenblum & Silverman of Connellsville, the court finding for the defendants and against the plaintiffs for $155.

Under this decision soda fountains hereafter put out on lease will be reckoned as a part of the property of the holder and will be subject to levy.

# WANT CONFERENCE

## Of Y. M. C. A. Secretaries and Officers at Scottdale.

## BEFORE THE STATE CONVENTION

**Which Meets in Connellsville Commencing February 22 This Year. Local and Personal Chat of the Mill Town by Courier Correspondent.**

SCOTTDALE, Jan. 15.—An effort is now being made to secure the meeting of the conference of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and officers of the State, which will meet on February 19 and 20, for Scottdale. This meeting is held the two days preceding the annual State Convention, which will be held at Connellsville, and at some town near the place of the convention meeting. Scottdale, Greensburg and Latrobe are being considered by the Committee on Location, and Scottdale seems to be in the lead from the fact that it is so near the convention town. There are usually about 150 delegates to the meeting, and it will be necessary to secure a place for holding the meeting and entertainment for the delegates. Neither of these should be difficult. Any of the larger churches would be suitable for the meeting and the delegates pay for their entertainment, so that it should not be much of a job to persuade the people to take them in for the short time they will be here.

The campaign to secure funds for maintaining the local Y. M. C. A. has been started and will be pushed vigorously until the estimated amount is pledged. It is estimated that it will take $2,500 in addition to the income from membership and other sources to pay the expenses of running the work for the coming year. There has been a big deficit each year from the receipts from membership, and that has been made up without any trouble and the committee in charge of the financial end of the work hopes to have equally good success during the coming canvas.

## GRAND JURORS

**Drawn to Serve at the Coming February Term of Criminal Court at Somerset.**

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 15.—The following 24 Grand Jurors have been drawn to serve at the regular February term of criminal court:

Samuel B. Allison, laborer, Windber.
James J. Kaufman, farmer, Conemaugh.
Robert Steele, laborer, Brothersvalley.
H. J. Koontz, farmer, Quemahoning.
J. M. Mussel, farmer, Brothersvalley.
Herman Deist, laborer, Meyersdale.
John C. Staub, phone operator, Meyersdale.
Robert B. Walker, farmer, Summit.
E. J. Meyers farmer, Milford.
A. P. Bittner farmer, Summit.
Albert H. Hemminger, farmer, Somerset.
Urish Schmucker, farmer, Jenner.
Rufus P. Augustine, merchant, Addison.
H. W. Saylor farmer, Summit.
H. G. Walker, teacher, Milford.
Wilson Saylor, farmer, Summit.
Irvin Engle, cigar maker, Salisbury.
John Wilhelm, laborer, Addison.
John J. Bowser, miner, Elk Lick.
Harry Arlsman, teacher, Jenner.
Michael Sipe, hotel keeper, Jenner.
Francis Maust, farmer, Lincoln.
Wilson Barndt, farmer, Jefferson.
William Cassel, farmer, Berlin.

## WENT INSANE.

**Lewis Sanner Had to Be Overpowered by Party of Farmers Near Rockwood on Sunday.**

ROCKWOOD, Jan. 14.—Lewis Sanner lost his mind suddenly on Sunday and became a raving maniac. He had been staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dennis Weimer, until last Saturday, when he left. He was found on Sunday morning on his way to Centerville. Several farmers who learned of his condition followed him and overpowered him after a struggle. He was then brought to Rockwood and later taken to the county home, near Somerset.

The unfortunate man is a brother of Charles R. Sanner of Milford township and was well known to the people of this town and vicinity, who will be sorry to learn of his sad plight.

### Active in Uniontown.

Y. M. C. A. work at Uniontown will be taken up actively at once. Work on the new building is to be commenced April 1.

# A GRUESOME JOKE.

## Somerset Boy Plays at Hanging Himself and It Almost Proves Real.

## WAS SAVED BY COMPANION.

**Robert Stoddard Said He Was Going to Commit Suicide, But Being a Joker, He Was Laughed at—Found Just in Time by Harry Berkey.**

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 14.—Sunday afternoon Robert Stoddard of the South Side a 12 year old lad, discovered the apparently lifeless body of Harry Berkey, the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berkey of the South Side, hanging from one of the rafters of his father's barn. The lad hastily cut down young Berkey and notified his parents. A physician was hastily summoned and after working several hours revived young Berkey.

Young Stoddard states that he and Berkey had been together at the home of his father, W. H. Stoddard. Berkey said that he intended to go home and hang himself. Stoddard thought nothing of this because, as he says, *Berkey often jokes and makes joking* remarks. Berkey then left the Stoddard home. Young Stoddard remained at home for about 15 minutes after Berkey had left and then he became uneasy about his companion and went to the barn of Berkey's father, where he found his playmate hanging from the rafters, his face blackened and in an unconscious condition.

Young Berkey says that he went to the barn and, thinking to play a joke on young Stoddard, he tied a rope to the rafter and then around his neck. He intended, according to his own statement, to wait until he heard his chum coming and then kick the ladder from beneath him and pretend that he had really hanged himself. The ladder slipped and the pretended hanging became a stern reality.

## SOMERSET JURORS.

**A List of Fifty-five Petit Jurymen Drawn for the February Civil Term.**

SOMERSET, Jan. 13.—The following list of 55 petit jurors have been drawn to serve at the special February term of civil court which will convene February 3. These jurors will serve during the first week:

Allen Hay, farmer, Brothersvalley.
Ed. Winters, farmer, Jenners.
Edgar Knavel, laborer, Paint.
Milton J. Blough, clerk, Elk Lick.
John J. Blake, miner, Elk Lick.
Austin C. Kennel, merchant, Wellersburg.
W. J. Miller, farmer, Summit.
Smith S. Chaney, farmer, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Newton Conner, farmer, Jenner.
Edward E. Haselbarth, merchant, Salisbury.
Jonathan Griffith, farmer, Jenner.
Josiah J. Kelm, farmer, Jenner.
Frank Nickel, carpenter, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Amos Shaulis, farmer, Lincoln.
George Ackerman, farmer, Northampton.
Norman S. Hay, laborer Summit.
Jacob M. Glessner, farmer, Stoneycreek.
David Sannel, farmer, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Bucio Griffith, merchant, Boswell.
J. M. Pike, farmer, Somerset.
Mahlon Hanger, farmer Black.
Scott Matthews, farmer, Somerset.
S. A. Kretzsmann, farmer, Black.
William F. Uhl, retired, Somerset.
Gilbert P. Cober, carpenter, Somerset.
Charles Yeoman, shoemaker, Conemaugh.
Charles Naugle, farmer, Quemahoning.
Irvin Parson, laborer, Somerset.
Mahlon Meyers, farmer, Milford.
Herman Gross, farmer, Jefferson.
Zach. T. Kimmel, agent, Berlin.
E. E. Meyers, farmer, Ogle.
Morris Floto, clerk, Berlin.
Abraham A. Miller, farmer, Jefferson.
Ira F. Hay, manager, Salisbury.
L. H. Stein, carpenter, Somerset.
Conrad Harr, farmer, Summit.
Hiram Shank, laborer, Somerset.
Henry Stehl, laborer, Meyersdale.
John Hindman, contractor, Windber.
Layman Trimpey, teacher, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Henry Schrock, laborer Summit.
Jacob Fox, merchant, Windber.
C. E. Deal, miller, Meyersdale.
John H. Seibert, farmer, Somerset.
M. W. Spedden, farmer Milford.
Frank Shaffer, farmer, Windber.
Noah Keefer, retired, Somerset
Cornelius Cober, farmer, Brothersvalley.
W. D. Lambert, painter, Somerset.
Daniel E. Glessner, farmer, Stoneycreek.
T. F. Rayman, farmer, Brothersvalley.
J. C. Scott, farmer, Stoneycreek.
L. J. Custer, farmer, Paint.
John C. Buechley, farmer, Brothersvalley.

### Two Children Cremated.

Two children, one aged 3 years, the other 3 months, were cremated Monday in a coal company house at Hannastown, near Greensburg. Mrs. Anto Kuska locked her children in the house while she went to a store. The dwelling caught fire and the tots were cremated.

### Executrix's Notice.

McDonald & Cray, Attys.

ESTATE OF JOHN TIPPING, DECEASED. Letters testamentary on the estate of John Tipping, late of Everson Borough, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. MARY TIPPING, Executrix; P. O. address, Everson, Pa.
11jan11d-22jan5tw

### Administrators' Notice.

S. R. Goldsmith, Attorney.

ESTATE OF GEORGE J. HUMBERT, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of George J. Humbert, late of Connellsville township, Fayette county, Pa., deceased having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. ANNA CLARA HUMBERT and J. C. KURTZ, Administrators, P. O. address, Connellsville, Pa. 26dec11d-1jan5tw

### Executor's Notice.

ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN BALSLEY, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary have been granted the undersigned Executor on the estate of Christian Balsley, late of Connellsville Borough, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall make immediate settlement with the undersigned Executor, and all persons having claims against the said estate will present them to the undersigned for settlement. JOHN KURTZ, Executor of Christian Balsley, deceased, Connellsville, Pa.
18dec11d-25dec5tw

### Administrator's Notice.

McDonald & Cray, Attys.

ESTATE OF SARAH M. WORK, DECEASED. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Sarah M. Work, late of Connellsville borough, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. JOHN H. WORK, Administrator; P. O. address, 517 Race street, Connellsville, Pa.
9jan11d-15jan5tw

### Executor's Notice.

George Patterson, Atty.

ESTATE OF DANIEL BARNHART, deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Daniel Barnhart, late of Dunbar township, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement JOHN WORK Executor; P. O. address, Uppermiddletown, Pa., R. F. D.
9jan11d-15jan5tw

### Trustee's Sale.

Johnson & Rush, Attys.

ESTATE OF SUSAN H. BARRICKLOW, deceased. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, at No. 79 June Court, 1907, the undersigned trustee to sell the real estate of said Susan H. Barricklow, deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1908, at 2 o'clock P. M.,

First.—All that lot or parcel of ground situate in the borough of Vanderbilt Fayette county, Pa., on the South side of First avenue, and fronting on said avenue sixty (60) feet and running back in even width to Spring alley, and known as lot No. 15, in plot, being the same premises conveyed to said Susan H. Barricklow by John W. Jordan and wife by deed dated December 28, 1903, recorded in Deed Book No. 125, page 224.

Second.—All that certain lot of ground situate in said borough, and adjoining the above described lot, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at lot No. 13, on what is known as First avenue; thence by said avenue N. 70° 23' E. 60 feet to corner of lot first above described; thence by same S. 19° 37' E. 120 feet to Spring alley; thence by same S. 70° 23' W. 60 feet to corner of lot No. 13; thence by same N. 19° 37' W. 120 feet to the beginning. Containing 7,200 square feet and known as lot No. 14. Being the same premises conveyed to said Susan H. Barricklow by Mary E. Basford by deed dated January 9, 1894, recorded in Deed Book No. 125 page 226.

The above described two lots adjoin, and will be sold together. There is erected thereon one five-room frame dwelling house in good repair, and one two-room cottage house, with stable and other outbuildings.

Terms of sale: One-third of purchase money down on day of sale, one-third in nine months and remaining one-third in eighteen months from day of sale, with interest on said deferred payments from date of confirmation of sale until paid, with privilege to the purchaser to anticipate time of payment of any or all of said payments. Deferred payments to remain a lien upon premises sold until paid. JOSEPH H. BARRICKLOW, Trustee, Vanderbilt, Pa.
10jan11d-15jan5tw


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**Your Morning Meal**



"Start the day right, keep cheerful till ten o'clock, and the rest of the day will take care of itself."

That's the advice of one of America's most successful business men—a man who is always full of energy and optimism.

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# WHY THE INSURANCE RATES ARE HIGH IN CONNELLSVILLE.

## Recommendations of the Underwriters' Association of the Middle Department to Town Council.

### TOTAL DEFICIENCY 41 CENTS.

**A Charge of 20 Cents is Made for Defects in the Organization of the Fire Department in Connellsville—Nearly One Half of the Total Deficiency.**

The Underwriters' Association of the Middle Department of Pennsylvania in their recommendations for fire defenses this week sent to the Connellsville insurance agents a schedule of deficiencies in the fire defenses of Connellsville. These charges total 41 cents. Nearly one half of the total, or 20 cents, is charged to the deficiency of Connellsville's fire department organization. The schedule of deficiencies is based by the Underwriters' Association on what is assumed to be a perfect water system and defense from fire, the towns and cities being rated from A to G, according to character of the water works system in use. The reduction of insurance rates in Connellsville is, in a large measure, up to the town. The basis of the Underwriters' Association's schedule of deficiencies for the defense is the same for Connellsville that it is for other towns and cities through the Middle Department. No favoritism is shown and no discrimination is exercised. It is a matter of cold business with the Underwriters, and if Connellsville wants lower insurance rates, according to the Middle Department recommendations, it is up to its citizens to remedy a number of deficiencies found existing with our fire department, and water works system according to the Underwriters' standard.

Under the head of Water Works System. Connellsville is charged 1 cent deficiency on Systems A and B, which we have. System A, according to the Underwriters, should be owned, controlled and operated by the municipality and be of gravity flow from a sufficiently elevated reservoir fed from its water shed, or from flowing streams, etc. Storage capacity to be equal to all demands and source of supply to be constant in flow to replace depletion. Supply mains to service to be in duplicate. What constitutes a standard fire stream is given as 250 gallons per minute and the volume of water for domestic service as being from 50 to 80 gallons per capita for every 24 hours according to population. Under System B a reservoir must be large enough to hold six to ten days' reserve.

For lack of duplicate supply mains of sufficient size from reservoir to point of distribution the maximum of five cents is charged. One cent. the minimum, is charged for pipes in use less in size than standard. Though no charge is made for not flushing hydrants at stated intervals, which is required on the part of municipal authorities, the matter is underscored as being in a measure neglected in Connellsville. A charge of three cents is made for improperly spaced hydrants in the borough. Some sections are illy provided for fire protection in this respect, a matter that could be remedied both by Town Council and the Water company Though we have an approved alarm system a charge of one cent, the minimum, is made for its defective working.

Connellsville comes under the fifth class in the matter of Fire Department organization where there is supposed to be a fully organized and officered volunteer service under municipal control and with apparatus drawn by horses. Though the deficiency charge is rated from one to seven Connellsville, in the matter of organization, the Underwriters find, is so badly demoralized that a deficiency charge of 20 cents is made. A charge of six cents is made for having no fire engine. Where there is the required pressure and all other things are satisfactory with no engine in the town it is discretionary to make or not make a charge. Matters not being satisfactory the charge is made in Connellsville. Because equipment of hose is not in accordance with requirements a charge of five cents, the maximum, is made. One cent is charged for independent ownership of the water works. Three cents is deducted for good police protection, which leaves a total of 41 cents deficiency, eight of which can be charged to the Water company and 33 to Town Council and the Fire Department.

Under the head of hose equipment the Underwriters' Association says that not less than 3,000 feet of hose should go out on the first alarm. It commends the use of a hose wagon which carries a chemical tank. Hook and ladder apparatus are also urgently recommended as an essential part of the equipment. At least one serviceable steam fire engine, they also say, should be a part of the equipment for emergency use in all towns served by gravity flow or direct pressure water system. In the recommendations made for Connellsville the equipment of the pumping plant is rated good, no deficiency charges being made.

These recommendatoins will be presented to Town Council at the next meeting of the local insurance agents.

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### HONORABLE RECORD.

**Capt. Tucker Hunt's Faithful Service of 42 Years With the B. & O.**

Forty-two years in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was rounded out Saturday, January 11, by Capt. "Tucker" Hunt, the well known conductor on No. 3.

Capt. Hunt is one of the oldest and most trustworthy employes of the B. & O. He began with that road January 11, 1866, in the capacity of water pumper from the well in the old B. & O. round house at Connellsville into the tank that furnished water for the engines. He also kept up the fire in the big stove in the winter time. His wages then were $15 per month.

Later Capt. Hunt was fireman and then became brakeman on Capt. John Gray's train, where he served 11 years. He was then baggagemaster, express agent, freight conductor and also fired on an engine of which Rockwell Marietta of Connellsville was engineer. He has held his present position as passenger conductor for many years and has filled it with ability and efficiency, and is one of the most popular conductors on the road.

### IN THE COURTS.

**Grind of Civil Work Progresses Slowly Before Judges Umbel and Van Swearingen.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—Before Judge Van Swearingen this morning a verdict of $70.70 was returned in favor of Jubelier Brothers against Contractor John R. Bennett. At the same time a verdict in favor of Bennett was returned in the suit of Mont Carl This litigation was the outgrowth of a lost check.

Under binding instructions of the court, a verdict in favor of the defendant was returned in the suit of Robert L. Lockridge against Robert B. Price. This was a disputed commission claim.

The suit of John Miller against Joseph Shaffer, to recover $253, is now on before Judge Van Swearingen. This is an appeal from the judgment of Squire John Boyle.

The suit of Mel Alvis against Wm. L. Harvey, an appeal from the judgment of Squire Dawson, is on trial before Judge Umbel.

A decree of divorce has been granted Lizzie A Glover from her husband, Charles M. Glover.

### NEW OFFICERS.

**Several Company D Men Go Up in the Non-Commissioned Ranks After Examination.**

Captain J. H. Simpson of Company D has appointed several new non-commissioned officers and as a consequence the roster of the organization will undergo quite a change. The recent elections for the purpose of electing a Second Lieutenant, which resulted in First Sergeant Roy G. Keffer landing the office, has created several vacancies.

The promotions, announced by Captain Simpson in a recent circular, are as follows:

Quartermaster Sergeant A Milton Krepps is made First Sergeant; Corporal Harry G. Keffer is made Sergeant; Private Hubert M. Crawford is named Quartermaster Sergeant, and Private Edward J. Williams is promoted to the position of Company Clerk.

All of these appointments were made only after the candidates were given a thorough examination.

### NO OFFICES CLOSED.

**No Intention to Put Telegraph Stations of Connellsville Division Out of Operation.**

Although a few telegraph offices have been closed on the Pittsburg Division of the Baltimore & Ohio, it is not the intention to put any on the Connellsville Division out of commission.

"We are doing as much business as ever," said Division Operator Pigman this morning when asked about the matter, "and will close no offices. We are handling lots of traffic and it is not our intention to alter the present order of things regarding the telegraph department."

### ELECTED DIRECTORS.

**Cyrus Echard Again Chosen President of Labor Brewing Company.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Labor Brewing Company yesterday the same officers were re-elected for the coming year.

The officers are: Cyrus Echard of Connellsville, President; W. H. Wilkey, Vice President; James I. Feather, Treasurer and General Manager, and Charles L. Kefover, Secretary and Attorney. The other directors are John T. Byers, S. E. Frock of this place and L. W. Gilmore of Dunbar.

### HELD FOR PERJURY.

**Edward Ogle and Wife of Pitcairn Must Answer in Court.**

Edward Ogle and wife Carrie of Pitcairn, Pa., were held for perjury at a hearing before Justice of the Peace John N. Dawson, Uniontown, Saturday. This case is the outcome of an effort to prove an alibi for James Clark, a young man tried at the December criminal term on charges of larceny of fine cattle from the farm of Judge J. C. Work in Dunbar township. Mr. and Mrs. Ogle testified that Clark had been at their place since August 1, 1907, and was employed by I. J. Wallace, a coal dealer. The jury was not convinced and convicted Clark and he was later sentenced to a term in the reformatory at Huntingdon.

At the hearing Saturday John Work of Dunbar township testified that Clark was at his place October 14, when the Ogles said he was in Pitcairn.

### EWING GETS PLUM.

**Fayette County Jurist Is Named First Chairman of the State Railroad Commission.**

Governor Edwin S. Stuart on Monday announced his appointments to the State Railroad Commission and one of the leading citizens of Fayette county, Judge Nathaniel Ewing, is awarded the chairmanship of that body. Judge Ewing is now a judge of the United States Circuit Court, but has signified his intention of resigning to accept the appointment extended by the Governor.

This is a signal honor that has been accorded the distinguished Fayette countian. The Commission will organize February 1. The other members of the Commission named by Governor Stuart are Charles N. Mann of Philadelphia and John Y. Boyd of Harrisburg. Judge Ewing's appointment came as a distinct surprise to his friends.

### SHOT AT THIEF.

**Conductor Parker Finds Negro Attempting to Loot His Chicken Coop at Night.**

Conductor James H. Parker of Church Place gave an unknown negro a bad scare early on Monday. One of the Parker family heard noises outside the house. Clothed in night garments alone, Captain Parker took a look. Peeping into the darkness, he discovered a man, apparently colored, attempting to enter his chicken coop.

Parker fired three times at the man. Whether the shots took effect or not is not known, but the marauder made a quick shift and disappeared in a hurry. The neighborhood was aroused by the racket.

### RELIEVES IN FIVE MINUTES

**Help Comes Quickly When Hyomei is Used for Catarrh.**

The quick relief that comes from the Hyomei treatment for catarrh is most remarkable. Put a few drops of liquid Hyomei in the little pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, and before you have used the treatment for five minutes you will notice relief from your catarrhal troubles.

It gives a tonic healing effect to the air you breathe, kills all catarrhal germs, stops the poisonous secretions, soothes the irritated mucous membrane and makes a marked improvement in the general health.

Hyomei is not a cure all; it has but one aim, the cure of catarrh and diseases of respiratory organs. When the catarrh is cured, the general health is improved, for then nature has a chance to build up the whole system.

If you suffer from offensive breath, raising of mucous, frequent sneezing, husky voice, discharge from the nose, droppings in the throat, loss of strength, spasmodic coughing and feeling of tightness across the upper part of the chest, general weakness and debility, or any other symptoms of catarrh, you should begin to use Hyomei at once. It will destroy all disease germs in the nose, throat and lungs and make a quick and permanent cure of catarrh. So strong is A. A. Clarke's belief in the power of Hyomei to cure all catarrhal troubles that with every $1.00 outfit he gives a guarantee to refund the money unless the remedy gives satisfaction. 12

### GAVE A DINNER.

**W. C. Loyd Has Tin Plate Men for Guests at Morgantown.**

W. C. Loyd, superintendent of the Sabraton plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Morgantown, gave a banquet Saturday evening at the Hotel Madeira at Morgantown to the heads of departments in honor of the approaching close of the second year of the establishment.

Among the guests present were Superintendent W. C. Loyd, E. M. Mentzer, Griff Thomas, Thomas B. Williams, O. W. Bryte and D. M. Jones, all former residents of Connellsville. Mr. Loyd was formerly superintendent of the tin plate mill at South Connellsville.

**Buck on Salary.**

The Westmoreland County Commissioners elected Joseph F. McClain of Pittsburg Superintendent of the new Court House at $150 a month. Commissioner Shupe, claiming the salary is too high and the appointee is not a resident of the county, declares he will carry the matter into court.

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

**Frank P. Cimmons, An Old Resident of This Town.**

**MRS. ANNA RAMAGE IS DEAD.**

**Did Not Survive Shock of an Operation in Pittsburg Hospital—Mrs. Lydia Robinson Expires From an Attack of Typhoid Fever.**

Frank P. Cimmons, aged 76 years, an old resident of Connellsville, died at an early hour Tuesday morning at his residence, No. 706 Isabella street. Notice of funeral later.

The funeral of Mr. Cimmons took place from his late residence on Isabella street Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. C. M. Watson, pastor of the Christian church, will officiate. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

**Mrs. Anna Ramage.**

Mrs. Anna Ramage, aged about 40 years, wife of John Ramage, proprietor of the Fairchance Hotel at Fairchance, died Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at the Mercy hospital in Pittsburg, where she underwent an operation for gall stones about two weeks ago The body was removed to Fairchance on Monday. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. The interment will likely take place in Uniontown.

Mrs Ramage was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Thomas O'Hara and was born at Morrell, Dunbar township. When a child she came to Connellsville with her parents where she resided up until after her marriage. She was married to John Ramage about 22 years ago. For a number of years they resided on a farm near Fairchance. Several months ago they moved into their new hotel at Fairchance, which was recently completed. She was the mother of 16 children, eight of whom are living. She was a member of the Roman Catholic church in Uniontown. Her husband and the following children survive: Attorney Thomas Ramage of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Mary, Agnes, Anastasia, John, James, Eleanor and Joseph Ramage, all at home. Three brothers, Martin, James and William O'Hara, all of Connellsville, also survive

**Mrs. Lydia Robinson.**

After a several weeks illness of typhoid fever, Mrs. Lydia Robinson aged 60 years, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Dunbar township, died late Monday afternoon at her home near Leisenring No. 1 Funeral from her late residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. M. Watson, pastor of the Christian Church of this place officiating. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

Deceased was born and reared near Point Marion. Her maiden name was Morgan. After her marriage to Albert Robinson they went to housekeeping on the Robinson farm near Leisenring No 1, residing there until last November, when they purchased the Barrickman farm a short distance from where they spent the greater part of their life. For a number of years she has been a member of the Christian Church of Connellsville. She was taken ill a few days before Thanksgiving, her husband and two children, Mrs Maud Wilson and Ira Robinson, both of Dunbar township, survive. One brother, Judson Morgan, of Gans station, also survives.

**Lloyd C. Guynn.**

Lloyd C Guynn, aged about years foreman of the H C Frick farm near Trotter, died Monday after a several days' illness of pneumonia. Deceased has been in the employe of the H. C. Frick Coke Company for about two years. Last October he moved from Leisenring No. 1, where he was stable boss for about a year, to the Frick farm near Trotter where he has since resided. Mr. Guynn spent practically all his life at Scottdale at which place the interment took place Wednesday. He is survived by his widow and two children.

**James M. Boyd.**

James M. Boyd infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, of Juniataville died yesterday afternoon, aged two months. Funeral from the family residence this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. Interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

**John L. Patton.**

After a lingering illness of about one year, John L. Patton, aged 41 years, died at his home on Madison avenue, Uniontown, at 9.30 o'clock Monday night of consumption. He was very well known in Fayette and Westmoreland counties, having been a printer for the last 26 years. A wife and two children and sister, Miss Drue Patton, survive. Deceased was a cousin of J. V. Thompson.

**Infant Colored Boy Dead.**

Perry Liggins, colored, son of Rush and Lulu Liggins, died on Tuesday at the family residence on Second street, New Haven, aged five months. Funeral from his late residence Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Hill Grove Cemetery.

**Daniel S. Strickler.**

Daniel S. Strickler, aged 81 years, a prominent retired farmer of Lower Tyrone township, died on Tuesday at 5 o'clock at his home, three miles north of Dawson. Mr Strickler was twice married. His first wife was a sister to the late Joseph R. Laughrey.

His second wife, nee Sophia Gallatin, survives, in addition to the following children: James, Winfield and Asa, Pittsburg; Mrs. Sadie Gallatin, Donora; Miss Martha Strickler, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Malinda Myers, Mt Pleasant; Stewart, Ohiopyle; Frank Newell; Mrs. May Anawalt and Miss Gertrude Strickler, California; and Mrs. O. P. Higbee, Lower Tyrone township. The deceased was a lifelong member of the German Baptist Church.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock from his home followed by interment in the Cochran cemetery

**Mrs. Eliza Parkhill.**

Mrs. Eliza Parkhill, aged 80 years, widow of the late Robert Parkhill, died on Monday at her late residence in Uniontown. Mrs. Parkhill is survived by a large family of grown children.

### SUIT FOR COMMISSION

**Jesse A. Stauffer Wants $8,000 From Everson Man for Selling Coke Works.**

**A FRATERNAL ORDER SUED.**

**Mrs. Mary A. Lowther Seeks to Recover $3,000 Insurance for Death of Her Husband—Equity Proceedings Are Settled Out of Court.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 15.—A commission of $8,000 alleged to be due Jesse A. Stauffer of Scottdale is the basis of a lawsuit now on trial before Judge Umbel against A. S. Livengood of Everson. Stauffer claims this sum as the result of an agreement by which a coke plant at Whitney, near Latrobe, was sold, partially through Stauffer's efforts.

It is said that Livengood owned this coke plant which he had offered to the H. C. Frick Coke Company for $35,000. Stauffer said this was too little and the two men came to an agreement whereby Stauffer was to assist Livengood in making the sale. Under the conditions, Stauffer was to receive all over $40,000 that the plant brought.

After interesting several parties the property was sold to Harry Wigel of Uniontown for $18,000. When the first payment was made Stauffer asked Livengood for part of his commission. It is alleged that Livengood at first claimed the commission was excessive and later told Stauffer that he could not afford to pay him anything.

Before Judge Van Swearingen the suit of Mrs. Mary B Lowther against the Modern Woodmen of America is being tried It appears that a few years ago Samuel B. Lowther, a Mt. Pleasant barber, took out $5,000 insurance in the Modern Woodmen of America Later he moved to Brier Hill, where he went to work as a mine foreman. One day he entered a cage, but instead of being lowered into the pit he was hited up, being thrown into the coal bin. Falling through the rollers, he was instantly killed. Mrs. Lowther, his widow, is suing for the insurance, which the organization refuses to pay, on the principal grounds that Lowther changed his occupation to one that is prohibitory in the rules of the organization.

A similar case will come to trial next Thursday when the suits of Mrs. Mollie Davidson against the Grand Fraternity and Royal Arcanum are heard These are to recover insurance benefits for the death of John Davidson of Connellsville.

On petition of George D. Lynch of Chicago an order has been made directing an inquest into the partition of the estate of the late Harriet Lynch of Brownsville, who died some years ago, leaving a rather large estate.

The equity proceedings of Matthew Woody against George H Swearingen, resulting from a real estate deal in property near Dunbar, has been amicably settled out of court

In the suit of John Miller against Joseph Shaffer, a dispute over the sale of a piece of property the jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount, $253.53.

Mrs Julia Geezy of Oliver has applied for a divorce from her husband George Geezy, on the grounds of cruel treatment They were married at New Haven October 8, 1906.

Before Judge Umbel, George Bytosk entered a plea of guilty to violating the mine laws and was sentenced to the costs and a $25 fine. Mine Inspector Thomas D Williams the prosecutor, alleged that the defendant had gone into the Juniataville mines in December without authority and fired a shot for another miner. It was further alleged that at the same time he opened his safety lamp.

A formal verdict was taken in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of $151.25 in the case of John H Stillwagon of Connellsville against T. L. Hammett. This was an appeal from a local justice of the peace

### NOTHING LIKE IT.

**Health Officer Allen Hyatt Gets Nice Letter Concerning His Inventions.**

Health Officer Allen Hyatt has received word from his patent attorney in Washington to the effect that there is nothing like his idea of a garbage wagon and burglar proof sash in the patent office.

Hyatt has applied for patents on his inventions The garbage wagon is so arranged that all noxious odors are consumed He is already in receipt of several propositions to manufacture his wagon.

**Poisoning Dogs.**

The Uniontown police are poisoning all stray dogs.


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### CONNELLSVILLE.

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# HIS COURTSHIP

By HELEN R. MARTIN,

Author of "Tillie: A Mennonite Maid."

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"It's market tomorrow," Mrs. Morningstar went on querulously, "and there's all the churnin' to be did. It comes wonderfully onhandy, pop, your gittin' cold just before market day. And the yeller cow gives such poor milk still this while past it'll hardly churn fur a body. Doc he says feed her chop feed and it'll hearten her up, he says, and make the milk better."

"He says, does he!" sneered Mr. Morningstar in a tone freighted with sarcasm. "Yes, I guess a feller would feed his cows chop feed yet! That would pay, ain't it? It takes towners to have the dumm ideas about a cow!"

"Towners?" Georgiana questioned, with a lift of her fine eyebrows.

"Och, I mean a body'd think Pete he was a towner, recommendin' such a dumm thing like that there!"

Mr. Morningstar received a dollar a week extra on Dr. Kinross' board for aiding and abetting his disguise.

"Ain't you leavin' Eunice stay and help us?" Mrs. Morningstar persisted.

"Her and Abe needn't be together." Her husband obstinately stuck to his will. "She can work in the upper field and him in the lower. Do you hear, Abe?" he sharply questioned his son.

Abe growled an affirmative under his breath. He was afraid of his father.

"Yes," cried Mr. Morningstar sarcastically, "they'll both mind you, too, when they're out of eyesight in the fields over."

"I'll be strollin' over there some time this after," Mr. Morningstar said warningly, "to see how things is goin'."

Georgiana, with a queenly lift of her dark head and a look of disgust, rose from the table.

Kinross so thoroughly shared the feelings which her manner and look expressed and he felt such strong disapproval of Eunice's apparent lack of sensitiveness to the shame of this talk that a sudden warm liking for Georgiana stirred in him. Forgetting his role, he rose instinctively to stand while she passed from the room. But the act was so entirely out of character that neither of the young ladies recognized it for what it was, though Georginna's glance did for an instant rest upon him uncertainly with a vague surprise which quickly brought him to himself and to his chair.

A little while later as he lingered in the kitchen after dinner to get a word alone with Mrs. Morningstar and (as Providence favored him by keeping old Morningstar indoors) with Mr. Morningstar as well he saw Eunice and Abe start out together for the fields. While Mrs. Morningstar and Ollie cleared off the table he seated himself by the kitchen window and watched the youth and the maiden as long as they were in sight. The incongruity of a Wolcott working in the fields like a peasant and along with a fellow like Abe Morningstar struck him afresh.

"Now, you see"—Mrs. Morningstar turned to him as her husband stretched himself out on the settee and Ollie departed with a pile of dishes to the outer kitchen—"how crazy that there girl is after our Abe—her not havin' a word to say agin workin' in the fields out such a hot afternoon."

"But she never does say a word against anything she's asked to do, does she?" questioned Kinross, averse to this interpretation of Eunice's silence and acquiescence.

"Well, I'd like to see her once! What right would she have, I'd like to know? Pop he won't even leave Ollie and Abe speak back. What fur would he leave her?"

"Well, I guess anyhow!" hoarsely echoed Morningstar from the settee.

Kinross saw that his opportunity had come.

"But it's different with Eunice," he began. "She's not your own child and does not owe you a daughter's respect and obedience."

Mrs. Morningstar set down the platter she was scraping and stared at him, and Mr. Morningstar sat upright on the settee and fixed him aggressively with his little sharp eyes.

"She owes us more'n what our own children owes us," the latter affirmed, "us raisin' her like our own and her not bein' ourn."

"But you have not 'raised' her as your own. She was taken out of school at a younger age than Ollie was, and she has never been clothed as your daughter has been. For years she has been doing the work of two women and has got nothing for it but her board."

"Who's been tellin' you them things?" Mr. Morningstar asked, with repressed venom. "And what's it your business, anyhow?"

"Eunice she has the right to work for our keepin' her when she was a child yet." Mrs. Morningstar repeated her oft reiterated argument.

This brought Kinross to the point which he had been driving.

"To pay you for keeping her when she was a child? But you told me you had been paid for that—the money found pinned to her dress. And then, you know, after a very few years the child's work more than paid for the expense of boarding her. So that really, as I heard her tell you, you owe her back pay; also you owe her, now that she is of age, that large sum of money you found pinned to her dress which you did not use for her."

He had turned from the window and sat facing them both, speaking with a cool precision and in a tone of authority which bewildered them.

"Which you did not use for her," he repeated, "and which, therefore, must be refunded. You will pay to Eunice within the next week the sum of $3,000. I'll allow you a thousand dollars for your care of her up to the age of six years, though of course you never gave her a thousand dollars' worth of care in the whole nineteen years you've had her."

"You'll allow!" gasped Mr. Morningstar, while his wife's eyes fairly bulged from her face. "What are you got to do about it?"

"And how'd you know it was that much left us?" sputtered Mrs. Morningstar.

"I spent the greater part of last night in the haunted room, and," he



*Towered over the shrinking figure.*

said, with a mysterious significance, "I learned things. Four thousand dollars was found on the child when you took charge of her. You will pay $3,000 to Eunice within a week. If you make any difficulty about it I shall exact her back pay—$2 a week for the past five years and interest on the $3,000 for nineteen years. See here, Morningstar!"

He rose and with his hands in his pockets strolled over to the settee and towered over the shrinking figure of the little farmer. "I am not a man to waste words or enter into useless discussion. I mean just what I say. I am going to befriend this young girl and see that she gets her rights. I learned some things in your haunted room last night which have given me the power, I think, to do so. Now, I give you just a week to make up your mind. If you can't come to the point by that time I'll help you—by means of a lawsuit. Do you understand?"

"You must be crazy!" Morningstar chokingly exclaimed. "Pay that there girl $3,000! More'n our Ollie'll git till she gits married a'ready! Why, it would leave us poor yet!"

"You have no right to be rich on other people's money. The $3,000 belongs to Eunice. Now, don't make any fuss or I'll exact nineteen years' interest besides. You must pay the money. That's settled."

"Well, I won't! Go ahead with your lawsuit!" Morningstar retorted, his face apoplectic.

"I never thought, Doc, you'd turn on us like this here—or I'd cert'nly never took you to board!" lamented Mrs. Morningstar, her cheeks very white.

"I'm not 'turning' on you, Mrs. Morningstar. I'm helping you to clear your conscience and do the honest thing to that orphan girl. It is really not so much for the girl's sake—she may not need the money, though again she may—but for your immortal souls' sake."

"What do you mean? She mayn't need it. Is it that you're sweet on her and want to marry her, or what? Why, I ain't never seen you so much as look at her!"

"What was it you seen and heard in that there room?" growled Morningstar, "that gives you such cheek to talk up to us?"

"Ghosts reveal secrets. I may tell you after you're paid over the $3,000."

"Well, I ain't payin' it! Put that in your pipe and smoke it, will you?"

"As you please. If there's a lawsuit you'll pay it with interest and back wages besides. Let me know by the time I come back which you prefer. I'm going away tomorrow morning and will return here in a week."

"Not here. Me and mom ain't boardin' you another day."

"Then shall I put up at the village tavern when I come back?"

"I'll tell them young ladies you ain't no farrahand."

"And lose the money I have promised you if you did not betray who I was?" he asked indifferently.

This always strong argument he saw was answer enough to the threat.

"Now, Mrs. Morningstar," he turned to her quietly, "will you be so good as to let me have the little necklace and locket found on the child containing her photograph and that of a lady?"

Mrs. Morningstar stared at him almost with horror. "Did you see the ghost, and did she tell you about that there chain and locket?" she faltered.

"I can't explain anything to you now. I may tell you when I come back. Meantime give me the necklace."

"Don't you give it to him," Morningstar ordered her. "He'll be usin' it fur evidence or what."

"It's wore thin," said Mrs. Morningstar. "I wore it on Ollie till she overgrew it a'ready."

"Let me have it, at any rate."

"I got it in the chest up attic."

"All right. You have it down for me by this afternoon. Remember, Morningstar," he concluded, turning to leave the room, "I give you one week from today, not a day more."

He strolled out, and the man and woman were left alone to confront the horror of parting with $3,000 of their hoarded accumulation.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

KINROSS had time to become very restless while he waited that night in the haunted room before Eunice made her appearance. He was rather apprehensive lest the curiosity of some of the household about this room might lead to his being discovered there alone with the girl. For her sake he would greatly dislike the appearance of it.

It was quite 10 o'clock before he heard her light step in the long hall outside the room.

When at last she stood before him he was held spellbound for an instant by the radiance of her face. Warmth, color, happiness, took the place of the pale, passive, remote aspect she ordinarily wore. Her whole person seemed to breathe her eagerness to hear the story he had to tell her. At least so he interpreted it.

He placed a chair for her, the only one in the room, and sat down himself on the foot of the bed.

He felt rather at a loss as to how he should deal with her. It was hard to have to disappoint the bright expectation of that pretty young face.

"Would it mean anything to you, Eunice," he began, surprised at himself to note how his voice instinctively softened when he spoke to her as one would naturally modify one's tones in speaking to a timid, sensitive child, "to be told you were born of very good blood?"

"Why should it not?"

"But in your isolation from the world can you possibly have learned the significance of such a fact?"

"It means, doesn't it, that my parents were people of gentle and noble minds?"

"Well," he smiled, "we do not always attach just that meaning to it. Some very degenerate families are proud of their good blood."

"Meaning merely their inherited rank? Yes, I know," she nodded. "But—

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
A man's a man for a' that.

"I should like to know that there is no taint of dishonor in my blood."

"You have the comforting knowledge. Your father was a New York lawyer of high standing and stainless reputation."

Her face glowed at his words.

"I have a pride in it," she answered him.

"You may well have. Now," he went on, "as to the current story about this room and its connection with you. I will tell you what it is."

He told her then nearly all that he knew, withholding only her prospects of great wealth and the source of his knowledge of her. If she knew of the existence of the "confession" he had found she would have a right to see it. He did not wish her to see it until he had ascertained what the probability was that her aunt would recognize her claims.

Eunice heard him with breathless attention. But the break in the continuity of his story bewildered her. "But how, then, did you come to learn what you say is unknown to all others—that this man and woman who brought me here were not my parents and that I am the daughter of a New York lawyer, from whom they stole me away from my home?"

"I can't tell you that tonight, Eunice, how I came by my knowledge. It is better that I do not—just yet. Trust me and have patience."

She looked at him, the brightness of her face unclouded by his denial, but she did not reply.

"You do trust me?"

"Why should I not?" she asked, with naive surprise.

"In fact," he responded, "I don't know just why you should. You don't know anything about me."

"I know everything about you," sprang from her, "and nothing."

"Now," he protested, "that sounds as subtle as though it came from Georgiana. What does it mean?"

"With my heart I know you. With my head I don't understand you at all."

"You pay me the highest compliment if your unsullied heart teaches you an instinctive trust of me. With your head you don't understand me?" he questioned her curiously.

"I don't understand why, if you love Miss Ellery, you should go out of your way to avoid her, even disguising yourself and feigning uncouthness."

Her simplicity afforded him the liveliest entertainment.

"So that has been bothering you, has it? Well, you see, I came here to be quiet, and Miss Ellery isn't, just to say, a restful person."

She looked unenlightened. "But you are people who are not restful?"

"I don't always love to be with them."

"Am I restful?"

She asked it with her look and tone of wistfulness which he was learning to watch for in talking to her.

"If I told you you were, what inference would you draw? You are such an alarmingly logical little person one has to be wary or be trapped into all sorts of admissions one wouldn't dream of making."

"Is it a commendation to be told you are 'restful?' I would suppose that people who count for something in our lives do not rest us. They stir us."

She spoke with evident feeling. Surely, surely, she was not thinking of Abe! He would not believe it.

"And we like to be stirred, don't we?" he acquiesced. "That's what we live for—to experience moments or hours of thrilling sensations."

"Does Miss Ellery make you experience those?"

"Those?"

"Moments or hours of thrilling sensations?"

His shoulders shook with soundless laughter. But he pulled himself together. "I have reason to believe she would if she could."

He read in her open countenance that he spoke in enigmas. But he did not offer to explain. He vaguely wondered why she seemed to want to talk of Miss Ellery with her own exciting story so freshly put to her.

He watched her without speaking, as, looking away from him, she toyed thoughtfully with her apron strings. Presently she drew a long breath, lifted her hand to push a strand of hair from her forehead and again rested her eyes upon his face.

"I don't even know my own name!" she said. "Even that I must learn from you. What is it?"

"I understand you have always been called Eunice Morningstar?"

"Yes."

"Will you have patience with me? I don't want to tell you even that just yet."

"Will it be long before you tell me?"

"I will tell you everything just as soon as I possibly can. I know it must be maddening to you to be put off like this, but it is out of consideration for you (for no other reason) that I want to postpone telling you some things."

"I will wait."

"Thank you—for your trust in me."

"So many things puzzle me, though."

"Necessarily!"

"I can't see why Mr. and Mrs. Morningstar have thought it necessary to keep the story of this room from me. How could it have harmed them to let me know?"

"They have kept it from you because there was one phase of it which, from their standpoint, it was very necessary that you should not know. It was for fear that you should hear this from the neighbors that they have always kept you isolated. Listen to me, Eunice! When that woman died the sum of $4,000 was found pinned to your dress; it was of course manifestly to pay those who should take care of you. The Morningstars kept this fact from you, making believe you owed them a great debt for their charity toward you."

Eunice gazed at him in amazement, an intensified excitement in her eyes.

"I am not, then, under the least obligation to them?" she said breathlessly. "It is this, then, which Abe has meant by his many insinuations that if I knew a certain thing he knew I would defy his parents. I never dreamed of anything like this. Then I am free—free and not a slave!"

"So then," he abruptly asked, unable to repress the question that sprang to his lips, "you will defy them and marry Abe? It has been your supposed obligation to them that has held you back from doing what they disapproved?"

She looked at him, an expression in her eyes that was inexplicable to him. She did not answer him. Suddenly her lashes drooped, and to his consternation he saw two great tears roll



*"Why should I mind it?"*

over her face. Her relation with Abe was actually a matter of deep feeling. It was, to be sure, not more impossible than everything else about her. There might be plenty of excuse for her being in love with Abe in view of her life long environment, but he felt an intolerance, almost a disgust, with it that rather dampened his enthusiasm in championing her cause. She didn't seem worth while if she were capable of that. At the same time her distress gave him an impulse to go to her, child that she was, take out his handkerchief and wipe away her tears. Being kind to her was a luxurious pleasure, she was so grateful for kindness. But he felt the need of restraining himself. He abruptly asked her a question.

"Why do you bear it so meekly when Mrs. Morningstar browbeats and insults you before other people too? Why do you allow her to?"

She had sunk back in her chair limply. The warmth and color had all gone from her. She looked up at him, but the fire had died out of her eyes.

"Why should I mind it? It is to me as a hen's cackle."

Her words gave Kinross a shock of astonishment. He felt a thrill of pride in her, mingled with a humorous sense of her remoteness from all ordinary standards. So it was not poverty of spirit that made her so forbearing, but a largeness of mind that made the woman's noisy upbraidings of no least moment to her.

"You are happy, indeed, to be able to rise above it instead of letting it make you suffer misery and rage."

She did not answer. The subject was evidently without interest to her.

"But let us not speak of her," he said, anxious to restore the radiance that had so suddenly and mysteriously left her. "I have a notion that I want to examine you—may I?—as to your knowledge of these books," glancing toward the bookcase, "with a view to getting you employment if it prove necessary."

"If it prove necessary? You mean," she asked, her voice subdued, her eyes again downcast, "if I don't marry Abe?"

"Well, yes," he lied.

Her lip quivered, but she caught it under her teeth and after an instant answered him quietly.

"I am ready to be examined."

Evidently he wounded her by his references to Abe. He did not understand it. However, he would avoid that subject, too, hereafter.

He told her then what he had not mentioned before to any of the family—that he held the chair of psychology in the college of the nearby city, and he explained to her that by virtue of his profession he could the better "examine" her.

When he spoke of himself she listened with an interest that brought back to her face some of the brightness which had momentarily left it.

The examination which followed proved to be the first in his experience in which he found enjoyment. It was not quite the conventional examination. It soon degenerated into a form, at least, of a talk about books, though Kinross' mental attitude the while continued to be that of a schoolmaster examining a pupil. He had never before found any pupil quite so interesting. Her quaint talk revealed to him how much more real to her were the dream creatures of her books than were the people of her actual world.

"It seems so strange, so unreal, to me that I should be speaking out like this of my secret thoughts of things," she said, a light of wonder in her eyes when he had led her on to talk of the tragic mating of Lydgate with Rosamond in "Middlemarch;" of the irony of fate in the gifted doctor's so narrowly missing his true mate, the high minded Dorothea; of the horror it must have been to the mother heart of Mrs. Copperfield to die and leave David to the mercy of that dreadful stepfather; of the deep significance of that cry wrung from Guido in the hour of his extremity, in which when all other sources of help are closed to him he calls upon Pompilia for mercy, confessing in that cry what only his fear of the gallows could extort from him—his faith that when all others failed him she whom he had traduced before all Rome would surely come to his aid; of the penalty which life exacts for indecision of purpose or failure to respond to the vital call of nature through cowardice or other weakness, as in "The Statue and the Bust." He was astonished to find how keenly she felt and saw much which he would have deemed impossible to one of such limited experiences. Unhampered by the world's conventions in forming her opinions or in taking impressions of things, there were a freedom and a breadth in her way of looking at life (the life of her world, peopled by characters out of books) and a candor in her speech that were refreshing, to say the least. Her own delight in speaking for the first time with one who could understand her "secret life," as she called it, was evident in her beaming countenance.

There was an excitement to him, too, in their communion. For the first time in his experience he was talking to a woman with a spontaneity, a naturalness, that seemed to open up the floodgates of his soul.

He had never before met any woman who seemed to him to combine such evident ardor of temperament with such finesse. Surely here was a unique individuality, he thought, with a thrill of happy anticipation, the long hunger of his unsatisfied manhood leaping to meet the vague yearning for life which he read in her strangely expressive eyes, with their passionate fire.

He was warned at length by the sputtering of the wick in his lamp how the hours had flown.

"It is goodby as well as good night," he said as he rose and held out his hand to her. "I am going away tomorrow."

The sudden blankness of her face almost alarmed him. She turned white, and she seemed unable to speak.

"But I shall be back within a week," he hastened to reassure her. "And I shall be able to tell you everything then, I hope. Did you think I meant I was going to break my promise to you?"

"Going away?" she repeated dully, ignoring his question. "You are going away?"

"Believe me," he begged her, "that I shall keep my promise to you. You shall know all that I know within a week."

"I do believe it. It is not that. It is—that you are going away."

He was puzzled. "It will be dull for you, you mean, after the excitement of our talks in this room."

She drew a long breath, and her eyes fell from their intent gaze into his.

"I mean—since you came here the world has seemed full of light. When you go no doubt it will return to its original color."

"What color is that?" he asked, smiling.

"A pale drab."

He did not for an instant give a sentimental interpretation to her words.

"Perhaps it will be well for your eyes to have a week's rest from the lurid light of my presence, for I hope to bring back news to you that will dazzle you sure enough unless I am greatly disappointed."

"News that will dazzle me? You mean that you are going to try to secure me a teacher's position?" she asked, with humble gratefulness.

"You would call that dazzling news, Eunice, if I came back with a position for you at teaching school? Well, well, everything depends upon one's point of view, of course. There are some young women to whom that would appear a 'pale drab.' I shouldn't wish it to my meanest enemy."

"Then that isn't what you meant?"

"You will be disappointed if I say no?"

"I am in such suspense about my future. I am quite determined to leave here and it would be a relief to me to have something definite in view."

"You may feel entirely at peace about that, Eunice. I promise you I'll take care of it for you."

"You are sure you can find me a place and that I am not imposing on your kindness to ask it of you?"

"If I take a day off and roll up my sleeves to it I may be able to accomplish it—don't give it a moment's anxiety!"

The contrast between the prosaic lot of a teacher to which she looked as a good almost too great to be hoped for and the brilliant fate he knew to be possibly hers struck him dramatically.

All the while he had been talking to her tonight he had been trying to catch sight of that index to her identity given in the "confession"—the two little moles under her left ear. He had not been able to see them, and the fear began to trouble him that they were not there to be seen. He now decided that he could not go on his errand to her aunt without this proof to add to all his other evidence.

He put his question with a directness that startled her.

"Pardon my inquisitiveness, but do you have two small moles on your neck under your left ear?"

His inquiry seemed to her irrelevant to the point of madness.

"What has that to do with it?"

"To do with what?"

"With anything. I mean what do you want to know for?"

"To be able to identify you as the daughter of your father. Please tell me."

"Yes, I have."

"May I see them?"

She turned her head and he saw the small dark spots on her white neck.

"Thank you. If you had the least idea what those two spots may mean to you, little girl!—now, if I don't go away at once I shall be tempted to tell you the whole thing. It will be an infinitely better story, I confidently believe, if I keep it until my return."

He clasped her hand, which rested cold in his own. Then he left her for a few hours' sleep before his departure in the early morning.

## CHAPTER XIX.

MR. AND MRS. MORNINGSTAR held counsel together and came to some astute conclusions.

"If that there Doc didn't have somepin up his sleeve to down us with, he wouldn't have the dare to speak up to us so positive," Mr. Morningstar gloomily reasoned. "To be sure, I wouldn't give in to him and make over all that there money to the girl if I didn't have afraid he'd squeeze me fur more'n that yet—like what he sayed he'd do."

"Abram Morningstar, you ain't going to up and throw $3,000 at that girl!" his wife exclaimed incredulously.

"Will you leave me know, then, how I'm gettin' out of it?" he demanded.

They were together in the kitchen just after Kinross' departure on his week's absence. Mr. Morningstar was still too ill from his cold to leave the settee, and his wife was in the act of putting a mustard plaster on him when he opened up the discussion of what lay so heavily on their hearts.

"He must have took a shine to Eunice," Mrs. Morningstar lamented, "to be takin' up fur her like what he's doin'. I don't know what's got into the men, such dumm taste as they all show. There's Ollie—she's twicet as fat and has nicer clothes and near twicet the schoolin' as what Eunice's got. The girl's just that tricky she makes eyes at the men behind our backs, pop, that's wot!"

"I've been thinkin' it out how we could spite him back," Mr. Morningstar said, lowering his voice and indicating with a twirl of his thumb the departed boarder. "If we do have to give Eunice them $3,000 we kin keep it in the family and get ahead of that darned towner by marryin' her to Abe right aways. Ain't? You see, what that city sharper's after is to git them $3,000 fur hisself. It ain't often a girl—even a towner—has that much to bring to her mister. Abe couldn't git no girl round here with that much. If we do have to give her the money we couldn't do better by Abe than to leave him marry her."

"Well, mebbe," Mrs. Morningstar answered, considering the matter as she buttoned her husband's shirt over the plaster. "But it would rile me to have to marry our Abe to a girl we brang up on charity."

"That ain't neither here nor there," Mr. Morningstar sneered irritably at this sentiment. "What we want is to settle these here finances without no more loss than we can't help."

"There's this to say," Mrs. Morningstar added—"if she marries Abe mebbe that underhanded, Hen Muckleheny will be comin' back to our Ollie when he sees he can't have Eunice."

"Yes, we'd be spitin' him too." Mr. Morningstar fairly smacked his lips with satisfaction. "The hand of Providence would be in it, and it would all work out for his honor and glory. Yes, I tell you the Lord sees a many a thing head of his-self that way!"

"You're spitin' every one but the one I'd like to spite," snapped Mrs. Morningstar, "and that's that deceitful girl, with her sneakin' ways and her playin' her tricks behind a body's back after all we done fur her a'ready!"

"Seems we haven't darst to talk about that no more—what we done fur her. Seems she done everything fur us," Mr. Morningstar sarcastically added. "Now, look a-here, mom; we'll fix it up between Abe and Eunice before the Doc gits back. See? I'll go ahead and tell Abe he has the dare to pass his promise to Eunice, and you kin tell her she dare have Abe now without workin' no more tricks to git him."

It was a bitter thing to Mrs. Morningstar, this task allotted to her, but it was to become more bitter still before she was through with it.

It appeared for a moment that it was going to be made easy. Abe, entirely unsuspicious of what was brewing, came to his mother that very evening after his day's work was over with a passionate protest against her opposition to his marrying Eunice and a plea that she "leave" him have the girl.

"To be sure, Eunice she knows you're agin it, so she purtends she don't want me. You go tell her you're in fur it—our gettin' promised together—and certainly then she'll be only too glad to git me."

This was Abe's point of view.

"Glad to git you! Well, I guess mebbe!" Mrs. Morningstar retorted. "It's a wonder you wouldn't look higher, Abe Morningstar."

"I have wonderful tired, mom, of hearin' of this 'lookin' higher.' I got my age—I'm a man—and it's my own affairs if I look high or low for my wife. Eunice she suits me all right. Even if she won't have no aussteuer and ain't got nothin' comin' to her, she's anyhow not one to spend at the clocs or to run, and she's so handy at the work I'd never have to hire fur her. So if I am lookin' low, I ain't doin' so bad, takin' it all in all. If you and pop would only stop kickin' I'd soon git her to pass her promise. And I tell you right here, mom, I'm goin' to marry her, anyhow—whether yous like it or whether yous don't. So yous might as well stop your kickin.' To be sure it would make me less work persuadin' Eunice if yous would stop kickin'. She's awful stubborn headed about it."

Mrs. Morningstar sniffed contemptuously.

"Och, but men is dumm things! Her stubborn headed about takin' you!—when she's been makin' eyes at you and trying to git you ever since you was in long pants a'ready and she was in long frocks!"

"I ain't took notice she was tryin' to git me," Abe answered sullenly. "I can't never git her to be even sociable with me. And before she'd go buggy ridin' or to a circus with me! Cert'nly that was because she had afraid of yous."

"Well, Abe, seein' this here's the way you feel and you bein' my own son that way, I'll put to aside my regrets and leave her have you. I'll tell her tomorrow."

Abe was astonished at his easy success with his mother. He had anticipated a complete routing.

"Will you make it all right with pop?" he eagerly and gratefully inquired.

With subtle diplomacy she answered that she would.

It was not until the next evening that she brought herself to broach the subject with Eunice.

When the evening chores were finished and the girl was about to take her lamp to go up to bed, she stopped her and made her sit down with her in the kitchen.

"I got to speak somepin to you," she began in a tone of sullen reluctance, her whole person bristling with the antagonism she felt against her enforced concession. "Me and pop's been talkin' it over, and we conceited we'd tell you that you'd worked pretty good and steady fur us and now that you're got your age and ain't got no more claim on us we wouldn't like to see you throwed out on the world neither, seein' how we brang you up like our own. So we just conceited that rather'n let you unprotected on the world we'd keep on bein' parents to you, though, to be sure, we thought to look higher fur our Abe, him bein' our only son."

Eunice, sitting opposite her at the kitchen table, was looking at her rather vaguely. But at this reference to Abe her eyes lost their absent gaze, and she met her foster mother's eyes with a fixity which the latter found almost disconcerting.

She made no reply, but waited in silence for Mrs. Morningstar's ramblings to come to a focus.

"To be sure, our Abe could do a lot better. But then, seein' you've got him so's he thinks he wants you, why, us we're not puttin' no hindrance in your way. You kin have him."

She looked for some joy or gratitude from Eunice, but the girl continued to regard her fixedly and without replying.

"We mean it," she said testily. "You're got the dare to marry him, seein' you want him so bad. To be sure, I guess it's hard fur you to take it in that we're leavin' you have your way."

Still the girl had nothing to say.

"Well?" cried Mrs. Morningstar impatiently. "What are you got to say fur yourself? Can't you even speak saddy (thank you) to a body?"

"I wonder what you expect me to say"—the girl's soft voice at last answered the woman's rough tones—"to thank you for offering me your son?"

"That's little enough to expect anyhow," Mrs. Morningstar retorted.

Eunice rose slowly and stood resting her hand on the table. "Had you anything else to say to me?"

"You needn't go right aways. Set awhile," she commanded. "There's some things we'd better talk out now we're at it."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

# WILL OF AMANDA MORTON WAS PROBATED ON FRIDAY.

### By Provisions Bequests to Methodist Episcopal Church Depend Entirely on Grandson's Conduct.

## RALPH MORTON'S INHERITANCE.

**In Any Event He is Allowed $150 a Month, While by Exemplary Conduct the Entire Estate Will Revert to Him for Life.**

The last will and testament of the late Mrs. Amanda Morton of Connellsville, which has been declared such by the Orphans' Court of Fayette county, was probated Friday.

This will was dated June 22, 1905, and has a codicil bearing the date of October 8, 1906. The terms of the original will provide that after all debts and expenses are paid, the property shall revert to the husband, A. B. Morton, during his lifetime. Mr. Morton is not required to give bond nor is he held liable for any waste or use of the estate. He is given full power to dispose of the property. At his death the property is to revert to the grandson, Ralph S. Morton, who is named executor after the death of his grandfather. Should Ralph marry and die without issue, one-half of the estate is to go to the widow and the other half to the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church to be converted into the "Morton Fund" for the benefit of the worthy poor of the congregation and other needs, as the Board sees fit.

Should Ralph die unmarried and intestate, or without lawful issue, all of the estate is to revert to the First Methodist Episcopal church. A. B. Morton is named executor of this will and Ralph S. Morton executor to take charge after his grandfather's death. This will bears the signature of Grace Artman, H. A. Crow and Leslie Howard.

In the codicil of the will that part referring to Ralph S. Morton is subjected to radical changes. That portion making bequests to him is entirely revoked and new conditions are imposed.

It is provided that on the death of the husband, A. B. Morton, the property is to be held in trust by Frank Huston and Edgar W. Horner, to be wisely used in a manner to increase its value. The trustees named are to pay the taxes, insurance and other necessary items from the receipts of the estate. They are also directed to pay the grandson, Ralph S. Morton, $150 a month until he becomes 31 years of age or as long thereafter as he fails to conduct himself as the trustees think proper. His conduct is to be subject to investigation by the trustees and the pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

If the said Ralph S. Morton conducts himself in a proper manner, at the age of 31 years, it is to be turned over to him, but none of it which reverts to him is to be used towards the payment of obligations incurred prior to the time he was deemed capable of managing the estate. Should any of the estate he so applied, it shall work a forfeiture and the entire estate then reverts to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, except $150 a month, which is to paid Ralph S. Morton.

It is provided that Ralph shall provide a home for his mother, Mrs. Carrie S. Morton as long as she bears that name. Should Ralph marry, three rooms in the homestead property are to be reserved for the use of his mother. Should Ralph come into possession of the property and try to convey it away, this shall work a forfeiture, and the entire estate would then revert to the Methodist church. Should the said Carrie S. Morton survive her son, she is to be paid $150 a month as long as she bears the name of Morton. The provision of the original bill naming Ralph S. Morton executor after his grandfather's death is revoked and Frank Huston and Edgar Horner are named executors. It is provided that none of the property to be sold during the life time of Ralph S. Morton. On his death the property is to be held in trust for his children, should he have any, to be delivered them when they reach the age of 21 years.

## ANNEXATION.

**Bond Issue Vote in New Haven Will Have Much to Do With Question.**

The outcome of New Haven's vote on a $25,000 bond issue for street improvements will practically decide the question of annexation to Connellsville. This is the view confidently expressed by many persons in a position to know. If the borough votes to float the bonds, it is believed that this will settle the question in favor of annexation.

Many prominent New Haven citizens, it is said, believe annexation inevitable, and are willing to hasten the end. They do, however, insist that the town be guaranteed some improvements after the union is effected, and are assuming a debt to assure them of paved streets, at least.

The Connellsville and New Haven Merchants' Association is quietly working to create a sentiment in favor of annexation and has of late discussed many plans to bring about a union of the towns. None of these has been announced, for the happy solution of the problem has not yet been reached. It is believed, however, that at the annual banquet on Lincoln's birthday the matter may be broached as a surprise. The holding of the banquet in New Haven is considered as significant.

New Haven citizens do not propose to become a part of Connellsville unless they have some guarantee that they are not to be considered as living on the outskirts of town.

It is thought that a vote on the question of annexation will be taken the coming fall. Efforts will be made to bring the matter to a head with this object in view. The consolidation of the two towns will likely bring about a change in the wards of town. This has been urged for several years, but has never come about. There should be, many think, at least six wards in the borough.

## MERCHANTS MEET

**And Discuss Matter of Cheaper Freight Rates for Connellsville and New Haven.**

At the meeting of the Connellsville and New Haven Merchants' Association Thursday cheaper freight rates for Connellsville was discussed at some length. All of the talk was formal, but it is believed that something in the way of cheaper rates will be accomplished this year.

The report of the auditors was presented and accepted. The auditors are J. G. Gorman, A. S. Silcox and G. W. Brickman. W. N. Leche, J. H. Hoover, A. W. Bishop, J. C. Gorman and P. H. Beighley were appointed a committee on furnishing for the meeting hall.

Officers for the ensuing year were nominated as follows: President, Harry Dunn, B. P. Wallace and E. W. Horner; Vice President, Patrick May and P. H. Beighley; Secretary, W. C. Armstrong; Treasurer, E. W. Horner and Robert Norris; Executive Committee, 10 to be elected, B. P. Wallace, S. M. Goodman, J. A. Lyon, Daniel Sinclair, John Duggan, J. S. Patterson, J. R. Davidson, J. M. Sembower, A. W. Bishop, A. S. Silcox, Robert Norris and J. A. Renner.

The election will be held at the February meeting.

## BROKE HIS LEG.

**John Keffer Met With Peculiar Accident While Walking Along North Pittsburg Street.**

John Keffer, of this place, aged 29 years, is at the Cottage State Hospital with a fracture of the right leg as the result of an accident with which he met Thursday. He slipped on the icy pavement on North Pittsburg street.

Keffer was walking down North Pittsburg street about 10 o'clock. He stepped over near the curb and his foot slipped down to the street. His ankle turned under him and the bone broke square off half way between the ankle joint and the knee. Keffer sat on the curb until the ambulance arrived and took him to the hospital.

## UNIONTOWN WEDDING.

**Miss Ruth Hopwood and J. T. Shepler Married Thursday Evening.**

Miss Ruth Hopwood, daughter of Robert F. Hopwood of Uniontown and Jasper Thompson Shepler, son of J. T. Shepler of Uniontown were quietly married Thursday at six o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Uniontown. Rev. J. B. Risk, officiating.

After the ceremony the young couple left for the East where they will spend several weeks. Mr. Shepler and his bride are prominent in Uniontown society.

## A STAG DINNER

**Given by H. R. Lytle at Home Near Juniataville.**

Delightfully appointed was a stag dinned given Thursday evening at 8.30 o'clock by H. R. Lytle at his mother's country home near Juniataville. Covers were laid for ten including J. R. Mestrezat, Wilhelm Hetzel of Connellsville, Charles Work and R. S. Brashear of New Haven, Thomas Freed of Vanderbilt, John Sherrard of Dawson, George Lytle and John McDonald of Juniataville, Mr. Pickens of Pittsburg and the host.

## MANY RECRUITS.

**Sergeant Lowe at Uniontown Has Sent 28 Men to Columbus.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 17.—Sergeant Owen Lowe, in charge of the local recruiting station, has sent away 28 recruits to the Columbus barracks. These men were enlisted from all parts of the county. The present industrial depression is said to account for the large number of men.

Dunbar alone contributed nine of the 28 new soldiers enlisted from Fayette county.

## MANY RECRUITS.

**Uniontown Station Sends Fayette County Men to Army.**

In spite of the fact that Uncle Sam offers but nominal wages for patriotism, but $13 a month to start with, the recruiting office opened at Uniontown in December, in charge of Sergeant Owen Lowe, has enlisted and sent to the barracks at Columbus, O., 28 recruits.

These come from various sections of the county, Dunbar having furnished nine of the number. The names of the recruits are as follows: John Bush, Robert Doyle, James V. Scott, Robert Artis, Curtis F. Liston, James A. Warman, Steven Duke, Mell R. Nielsen, John W. Stroud, Charles Hiles, Casmar Mallar, Frank Orguson, Mike Kaputa, Walter S. Crawford, Chauncey Johnson, Floyd F. Hull, Harry C. Carnes, Benjamin F. Weiner, Albert S. Grey, Ernest A. Cross, Jacob C. Hull, Jesse W. Jeffries, Fred Harden, Herman Bradley, Lamorn Shaw, Raymond Hixson and Thomas Williams.

## SHAKEUP COMING IN COMPANY D.

**Five Men Face Charges of Non-Attendance Preferred by Commander.**

## A SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS.

**Captain Simpson Issues Company Order to Effect That the Non-Commissioned Men be Required to Attend Each Tuesday.**

Company D is passing through a seige which amounts to practically a reorganization. Captain J. H. Simpson is shaking the men up and it is expected that by the time the new armory building is ready for occupancy the company will have attained a standard never reached before. To this end charges have been preferred against five members of the Company who will have to stand trial at court martial for non-attendance at drill and disobedience of orders. Similar charges will be preferred against all others who are guilty of fracturing the National Guard regulations.

A Company order has been issued announcing that a school for non-commissioned officers will be held each Tuesday night, commencing next week. Every non-commissioned officer will be required to attend and those failing to do so may expect to be reduced to the ranks.

Captain Simpson stated this morning that the new armory will be ready for occupancy within the next three weeks. It is probable that any formal dedication exercises will take place owing to the pronounced lack of interest that has been manifested. It was planned to hold dedication exercises that would eclipse those at Mt. Pleasant, but owing to the apathy with which the proposition has been greeted this is now unlikely.

The armory is badly needed by Company D. The present quarters in the Carnegie Library are far from satisfactory but they were the best that it was possible to secure under the circumstances.

It has been announced that an examination will soon be held for the appointment to the grade of Second Lieutenant in the regular army. The Governor of Pennsylvania will name certain candidates who are members of the National Guard. These candidates may be of any rank, but must have the recommendation of their company and regimental commanders. Any member of Company D desiring to take the examination must notify Captain Simpson not later than January 27.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTES

**To Be Held at Scottdale and Smithton This Month and Their Programs.**

Westmoreland county gets three farmers' institutes this month and one in February. The following are the programs of each:

**Smithton.**

J. C. Porter, Chairman. January 27, 1.30 P. M.:

Prayer; music; "The Farmer's Cow, How to Make Her Profitable," L. W. Leighty; "Spraying," Dr. J. H. Funk; "Soils," M. Earl Carr; question box.

Evening session: Music; "Producing and Marketing Dairy Products," L. W. Leighty; "San Jose Scale and Other Insects," Dr. J. H. Funk; question box.

January 28, afternoon session: Music; "Silo Experience and Practice," L. W. Leighty; "Commercial Orcharding," Dr. J. H. Funk. "Adaptation of Crop to Soils," M. Earl Carr; question box.

**Scottdale.**

Peterson's Business College, J. L. Loucks, Chairman. January 29, afternoon session: Prayer; address of welcome, George Shupe; music; "Pruning, Fertilizing and Thinning," Dr. J. H. Funk; "Producing and Marketing Dairy Products, L. W. Leighty; question box.

Evening session, 7.30 o'clock: Music; "Soil Management," M. Earl Carr; "The Peach and How to Raise It," Dr. J. H. Funk; question box.

January 30, morning session: Music; "The Making of a Home on the Farm," L. W. Leighty; "Spraying," Dr. J. H. Funk; question box.

Afternoon session: Music; "Adaptation of Crop to Soils," M. Earl Carr; "Potato Culture," Dr. J. H. Funk; question box.

Evening session: Music; "The Farmer's Cow; How to Make Her Profitable," L. W. Leighty; "Soils," M. Earl Carr.

## TO ATLANTIC CITY.

**Dr. H. F. Atkinson Will Probably Go South Later.**

Dr. H. F. Atkinson left this morning for Atlantic City where he will endeavor to recuperate from the accident of last week. Dr. Atkinson was thrown from his sleigh and sustained three broken ribs.

If improvement follows the Atlantic City visit, Mrs. Atkinson and daughter will join the Doctor there, after which they will take a trip South for a few weeks. D. W. Moore accompanied Dr. Atkinson to Rockwood and will continue to Atlantic City later in the week.

## DAVIDSON SUIT FOR INSURANCE.

**Widow of Connellsville Man Wants to Recover From Fraternal Organizations.**

## THE CASE IS NOW ON TRIAL.

**Fight This Morning Was Over Points of Law and Case Is Being Fought Hard by Both Sides—Suit on Mechanic's Labor.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 17.—One of the most important cases of the present term was taken up this morning before Judge Umbel when that of Mrs. Mollie E. Davidson of Connellsville against the Grand Fraternity was called. Mrs. Davidson is suing to recover $3,000, the amount of insurance her husband John Davidson, carried in order.

In 1898, Mrs. Davidson says, her husband took out $3,000 in the Connellsville Council of Americus. This was later consolidated with the Grand Fraternity. On or about June 27, 1906, John Davidson died. The payment of insurance was refused on account of the alleged intemperance of Davidson.

Mrs. Davidson claims that after three years the claim became incontestible while the defendants say that Davidson broke their contract by becoming a person of known intemperate habits. In this he did not live up to the requirements of the order.

After the trial of this case, Mrs. Davidson's suit against the Royal Arcanum for $3,000 on similar grounds, will be tried.

After the evidence was all in the court gave binding instruction to the jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. This was done, including interest, Mrs. Davidson was awarded $3,332.50.

Before Judge Van Swearingen this morning the suit of the Commercial Sash & Door Company of Pittsburg against Thomas H. Thompson and the H. C. Carroll Lumber Company was taken up. This is a dispute over a bill of $4,020.94. The suit was brought to collect on a mechanic's lien which has been filed.

After hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, a compulsory non-suit was granted by the court in favor of the defendants.

## SERMON ON ANARCHY.

**Said to Have Been Demanded by Italian Socialists of Priest at Mt. Pleasant.**

GREENSBURG, Jan. 17.—A society known as the Italian Socialists, with objects similar to those of Anarchists, has been discovered at Mount Pleasant, where an Italian priest, Rev. Ignace Petrieco, has had trouble. At a congregational business session one member demanded that the priest speak on Anarchistic subjects instead of giving advice as to drinking and carousing. "Tell us how the rich are made to support the poor in Italy! You're afraid to tell us!" shouted a man. The man, with three companions, was ejected.

The next day Father Petrieco received a letter declaring that a priest who was afraid to preach anarchy had no place in Mt. Pleasant. "Why should we be without work and our families starving when to kill off a few rich would mean that we would get lots of work and plenty to eat?" the letter said. "You better get out of town between two suns."

Father Petrieco laid the situation before Chief Burgess S. M. Crosby. Another threatening letter was received later and the priest is in fear of his life. He says the Italian Socialists are a strong society, having headquarters in Pittsburg, and that many crimes perpetrated by it have been laid at the door of the Black Hand.

Burgess Crosby ordered the arrest of the four men who had disturbed the meeting. Each was fined $5.00 and warned against writing threatening letters. A guard has been placed about the parochial residence for fear of dynamiters.

### Glass Plant Resumes.

The plant of the Kanawha Glass Company at Fairchance resumed at midnight Wednesday and all the departments will be put in operation, giving employment to about 255 men. It has been idle since last April.

### Schurman to Speak.

For the fifth annual dinner of the University Club of Brooklyn tonight, President Jacob Gould Schurman, will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker.

## MURDERED HIS WIFE

**And Then Turned Revolver on Self, Did James E. Smith.**

## WELL KNOWN IN CONNELLSVILLE

**Had Been Living Apart from His Husband—Tragedy at Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sinclair, Who Were Moving to Connellsville.**

CUMBERLAND, Jan. 17.—Inflamed with drink, and angered because his wife would no longer live with him, James E. Smith, formerly of Connellsville, aged 54, employed in the B. & O. shops in this city as a machinist, shot and killed his wife at 8.10 o'clock Wednesday evening in South Cumberland, afterwards turning the weapon upon himself, one bullet entering his abdomen and another into his groin. The scene of the tragedy was the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sinclair, No. 153 Grand avenue.

It appears that Smith and his wife had been living apart for several months, his wife recently having instituted divorce proceedings, and Mrs. Smith had taken employment as seamstress in the home of Mrs. Sinclair. Smith for some time had boarded with his sister at her home on Decatur street. He was noticed on Baltimore street an hour or so before the murder, and later was noticed walking down the Oldtown road en route to South Cumberland.

That Smith had deliberately planned the awful deed is shown. A little before 8.30 o'clock he went unnoticed into the back yard of the Sinclair home on Grand avenue and coming quietly to the porch steps, removed his shoes. He then opened the kitchen door, holding a .38-calibre British bulldog revolver. As he opened the door the wife was across the room at a sink washing her hands. Mrs. Sinclair was standing next to the door in the act of performing some household duty. Her baby daughter, Mildred, aged seven months, was in a child's carriage between Smith and his wife. Smith raised his revolver as he opened the door and Mrs. Sinclair, at the risk of her own life, bravely grappled with the murderer. The first three bullets went wild and are imbedded in the walls of the Sinclair kitchen. As Mrs. Sinclair endeavored to stay Smith's vengeance, he pushed the weapon across her shoulder and with the barrel of the revolver almost touching Mrs. Sinclair's face, he continued to fire. Mrs. Sinclair in the meantime screamed for the unfortunate woman to run for her life.

She endeavored to do so, but as she reached the kitchen door two bullets ploughed their way into her body, one penetrating the left breast, and the other entering the abdomen with fatal effect. As Smith stood over the prostrate form of his dying wife on the kitchen porch, Mrs. Sinclair grabbed her baby, over whose tiny body the bullets had been flying, and took refuge in the home of a neighbor, Mrs. A. Y. Wilson. Smith left his wife and the dying woman dragged herself into the kitchen where she was later found.

A neighbor, hearing the several explosions of the revolver, ran for a policeman and found Officer Sedar on Virginia avenue.

Quickly entering the room the officer found Smith lying across the foot of the bed, bleeding from a wound in the abdomen and the groin, he evidently having attempted to take his own life immediately after he fired the fatal shots into the body of his helpless wife. A revolver of .38 calibre was found in the yard, indicating that Smith had carried two weapons with him, and that he had fired the shot from this one at his wife as he crept up on the porch and opened the door. Another weapon of .32 calibre was found in the room beside him with two bullets discharged.

In all six bullets are accounted for. Two lodged in the wife's body, two in the murderer's frame and two others in the wall of the Sinclair house. With all possible expedition Officer Sedars and neighbors who gave him assistance summoned physicians and ambulances. Dr. C. L. Owens was the first physician to arrive and gave his attention to the dying woman. Dr. W. R. Foard came soon afterward and ministered to the man. Shortly after the arrival of the physicians Mrs. Smith was placed in Butler's ambulance and started for Allegany hospital, dying en route.

Sinclair has been employed in the motive department at Cumberland as a clerk and had been transferred to the Connellsville offices. He was preparing to move. Smith was universally known by B. & O. men as "One-Eyed" Jimmy. He was a skilled mechanic and lost an eye in the old shops at Cumberland years ago. He was also badly injured a long time ago in a wreck near Connellsville, at that time suffering the loss of the fingers of one hand and sustaining injuries about the head from which he was a long time recovering. Several years ago he was well known in Connellsville among railroad men.

Smith is still alive, but there is slight hope of his ultimate recovery.

### New Telephone Line.

A new telephone line will shortly connect Somerset county with the Ligonier region of Westmoreland county.

## FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

**Deeds Recorded and County Expenditures.**

H. C. Frick Coke Company to the Fayetteville & Smithfield Traction Company, strip of land in Georges township, $250. June 24, 1907.

Emma Galley and others to Alfred Hair, 115 acres of land in Franklin township; $6,315.60. June 24, 1906.

Margery Robb and others to Elizabeth Kissinger, lot 11 South Union township; $1.00. January 7, 1908.

J. V. Thompson, guardian, and others to Benjamin Goldsmith, lot in Connellsville township, $156.67. January 9, 1905.

James B. Hogg and wife to Benjamin Goldsmith, interest in property in Connellsville township, $875.33. December 21, 1907.

A. W. Hair and wife to Agnes Edwards, lot in Dunbar township; $100. May 5, 1906.

John C. Neff, administrator of the estate of George W. Lenhart deceased, to J. M. Deffenbaugh, lot in Masontown; $805. July 10, 1894.

The Connellsville Central Coke Company to Gerald P. Fitzgerald, tract of coal land in Menallen township; $1.00. December 29, 1905.

Geo. H. Swearingen and wife to Martha Woods, lot in Dunbar township; $100. January 1, 1908.

Gerald P. Fitzgerald and others to the Connellsville Central Coke Company, coal underlying a tract of land in Menallen township, $1.00. November 6, 1907.

Frank M. Power and others to John Penn and Blanche Penn, lot in Washington township; $150. January 5, 1907.

Frank A. Hill to Francisko and others, property in Ross street, Uniontown; $1.00. December 11, 1907.

Mary E. Porter and others to John A. Gibson, one-half interest in properties in Luzerne township, $1.00. December 31, 1907.

Andrew Barron to Mary A. Barron, house and lot in North Union township; $4,200. January 6, 1908.

Olaf Olson and others to O. P. Markle and I. Frank, house and lot in Uniontown; $3,000. January 2, 1908.

Olaf Olson and wife to O. P. Markle and I. Frank, two lots in North Union township; $1,475. December 2 1907.

John Tressler and wife to Huffman Liston, 118 acres of coal in Stewart township; $1,182.50. May 16, 1907.

D. D. Deffenbaugh to Frank E. Deffenbaugh, lot in McClellandtown; $200. July 5, 1905.

Harry Furman and wife to Naomi Farquhar, lot in Fayette City; $10. June 10, 1898.

Pittsburg Coal Company of Pennsylvania to William Unger, small tract of land in Washington township; $115. October 28, 1907.

R. E. Hook to Amy Deffenbaugh, lot in Uniontown, $100. July 2, 1907.

E. R. Morrow to Adolph Melchi, lot in Washington township; $120. April 14, 1907.

J. V. Thompson and wife to Annie E. Cunningham, property in Luzerne township $1,200. January 9, 1908.

Susanna Blacke to the B. & O. Railroad Company, property in Dunbar township; $1,500. January 10, 1908.

W. D. Blacke and wife to B. & O. Railroad Company, property in Dunbar township; $4,000. January 10, 1908.

S. B. Decker, administrator of the late Thomas J. V. Briely to Martha Decker, property in Connellsville; $2,400. January 1, 1908.

George W. Lenhart to W. E. Barker, lot in Brownsville, $1,000. June 6, 1907.

Lucy Lincoln and husband to William D. Blacke, lot in Dunbar township; $800. January 23, 1908.

Edward L. Mariotti and wife to Cyrus Eckard, house and lot in Connellsville; $1,050. December 23, 1907.

W. T. Pierce to N. K. Sullivan, tract of land in Jefferson township, $22,250. October 29, 1907.

Wade H. Mariotti and wife to Cyrus Eckard, house and lot in Connellsville; $1,700. December 23, 1907.

Perry R. Weaver to Caroline Sapper, house and lot in Uniontown; $3,500. January 3, 1908.

Charles Baumgarr to Robert McLaughlin tract of land in Dunbar township; $375. January 4, 1907.

George W. Lenhart and wife to the Monongahela National Bank, one-third interest in property in Brownsville; $7,500. January 2, 1908.

Maude Underwood to the Fairchance Lodge, K. of P. lot in Georges township; $450. June 1, 1907.

Redstone Township School District to the West Penn Railways Company, lot in Redstone township, $250. May 29, 1907.

Emily S. Marshall and others to Isaac F. Pierce, house and lot in Bridgeport; $4,000. February 7, 1907.

Isaiah N. Craft and others to Isaac F. Piersol, property in Bridgeport; $6,000. December 29, 1906.

Ada B. Allen and husband to Isaac F. Piersol, tract of land in Luzerne township, $6,253. April 7, 1907.

Sarah A. Arensburg and J. Robert Arensburg to Isaac F. Piersol house and lot in Bridgeport; $2,000. June 16, 1906.

### Marriage Licenses.

Sarah R. Towell and Elizabeth McCann, both of Fairchance.

Harrison Richardson and Melvina Logsdon, both of Greensburg.

Richard Howard and Belle McDermott, both of Shamrock.

Elmer N. Green of Youngwood and Rhoda Jenkins of Connellsville.


## ITCHING HUMOR ON LITTLE BOY

**His Hands were a Solid Mass, and Disease Spread All Over His Body —In Four Days the Child was Entirely Cured—Mother Strongly**

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### County Expenditures.

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| H. C. Allison, readjusting papers in public offices | $ 21.00 |
| Justices' costs, witness fees, etc. | 367.24 |
| R. F. Hopwood, special services | 500.00 |
| Charles Cohen, interpreting | 31.50 |
| Court reporting | 208.80 |
| Logan Rush, reindexing | 1,000.00 |
| A. S. Keen, assessing Springfield township | 111.77 |
| Charles Cohen, interpreting | 50.50 |
| A. G. Fornwalt, assessing New Haven | 72.85 |
| L. L. West, assessing Fourth Ward Connellsville | 91.44 |
| Isaac Byers, assessing Dunbar township | 313.05 |
| A. S. Hogan, Coroner's fees | 125.00 |
| J. E. Simms, burial of J. T. McMaster | 35.00 |
| J. H. Tissue, sheep claim | 11.00 |
| J. D. Lynch, assessing German township, on account | 100.00 |

## BEAR RUN.

**Personal Mention From the Masons' Country Place in the Mountain.**

BEAR RUN, Jan. 14.—Donald Woodmancy was a business caller at Connellsville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jeffries of near Stewarton moved to Bailey Point Wednesday.

Clarence Bailey was a business caller at Ohiopyle Saturday.

Miss Helena Mitchell, teacher of Bear Run school, was visiting her parents near Ohiopyle over Sunday.

L. A. Stark of Ohiopyle was transacting business at Bear Run Saturday.

J. H. Tissue and Donald Woodmancy were business callers at Connellsville Saturday.

Miss Harriet Crystal, teacher of Whig Corner school, was visiting her parents at South Connellsville over Sunday.

W. C. Johnson was a business caller at Ohiopyle Friday evening.

Joel Tissue was a business caller at Ohiopyle Friday.

The deepest snow we have had this winter fell Monday of last week. It was about 10 inches.

Robert Hyatt has moved to his farm at Mill Run.

Rodney Woodmancy was a business caller at Ohiopyle this week.

Walter Chuck and William Hall of Ohiopyle were business callers in this vicinity Saturday.

Miss Mary E. Koontz is still on the sick list.


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# MANUFACTURE OF BRIQUETS.

## Reason for Slow Development of the Industry in the United States.

## AN IMMENSE WASTE OF FUEL.

**Many Fake Processes of Briquet Making Are Recorded at the Patent Office—Lack of Coal Tar Pitch Binder Better Prospects.**

The briqueting of coals and lignites, which has been carried on for many years in Europe and has reached a high stage of development in France, Belgium and Germany, has made comparatively little progress in the United States, chiefly because of the abundant supply of cheap raw fuel with which the manufactured article has to compete.

**Immense Waste of Fuel.**

With our millions of acres of coal producing lands, in which coal can, in most places, be cheaply mined, it has appeared in many districts to be more economical to waste the slack or culm that constitutes a considerable percentage of the product than to attempt to save it at the additional expense required for briquetting. For this reason large tracts in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania are covered with unsightly culm banks, and in some of the bituminous districts huge piles of unmarkable slack are burned in order to get rid of them. Many thousands of tons of material that might be converted into usable fuel have thus been wasted every year, simply because of the increased expense involved in its preparation.

**Fake Processes of Briqueting.**

The development of the briqueting industry has also been retarded by attempts to exploit patented or secret processes, for which all kinds of extravagant claims have been made. The Patent Office has issued innumerable patents on all sorts of inventions relating to binders, many of which are as fanciful as is the idea of perpetual motion, and the investment of capital in enterprises of this character has been accordingly discouraged.

**Opposition of Coal Operators.**

Another reason for the failure to build up a briqueting industry in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, where the best opportunity for its development is offered, has been the opposition shown by some of the operators to the introduction of a manufactured domestic fuel which could compete with the prepared sizes of anthracite. The competition of bituminous coal has almost shut out anthracite as a steam fuel, coke has largely supplanted it for iron making and coke and gas made from bituminous coal are coming more into use as domestic fuel. On the one hand the work of mining and preparing anthracite is becoming more expensive, and on the other, competition is becoming keener. Under such conditions the opposition to briqueting is only natural.

**Lack of Coal-Tar Pitch Binder.**

Still another reason that has been assigned for our halting progress in fuel briqueting is the lack of assurance of a regular supply of coal-tar pitch at reasonably low prices for use as a binder. Out of the many attempts that have marked the incubating period of the briqueting industry—some of them costly—has grown the knowledge that, in the Eastern States at least, coal-tar pitch must be relied on to supply all or the greater part of the binding material. In California, Arizona, and other parts of the Far West, asphaltic pitch, a residual product from the refining of the heavy asphaltic-base petroleums of that region, has been and is now successfully used in briqueting plants. But in the East coal-tar pitch is the base of the economically successful cementing material—a fact that has been demonstrated by extended investigations carried on at the United States Geological Survey's fuel-testing plant at St. Louis. These investigations included experiments with all kinds of organic and inorganic binders embracing, besides coal-tar pitch, such materials as rosin, sugarhouse refuse, molasses, acid sludge, quicklime, and various mixtures. The results show that coal-tar and asphaltic pitch are the only really successful binders. Any material used with them must possess above all others the essential requisite of cheapness.

But it also happens that one of the reasons assigned for the comparatively slow development of the by-product coking ovens in the United States in the last few years is the lack of a profitable demand for coal tar, an important by-product of retort coke. The demand for creosoting oils to be used by railroad companies of preserving ties, bridge timbers, etc., is far beyond the present domestic production and statistics compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show that our imports of the chemical products of coal tar amount to over $10,000,000 in value yearly. It would appear therefore that the conditions here presented afford an opportunity for the recognition of a community of interests which may be profitable to the manufacturers and beneficial to the general public.

**Better Prospects for Briquets.**

The period of failure and discouragement in the manufacture and use of briqueted fuel has probably passed and the industry will doubtless now be placed on the substantial and profitable ground.

An account of the condition of the briquetting industry in the United States, from the introduction to which the foregoing paragraphs have been largely taken, has just been published by the United States Geological Survey in Bulletin No. 316 Contributions to Economic Geology 1906: Part II, Coal, Lignite and Peat. This chapter, which is but one of many papers on the closely related subjects of the volume, was prepared by E. W. Parker, chief statistician and coal expert. It contains description of briqueting plants in various parts of the United States, from California, where the first successful plant was built and where more actual progress has been shown than in any other State in the Union, to Pennsylvania, where with conditions thoroughly adapted to the development of the great industry, progress has been very slow. There are but two briqueting plants in Pennsylvania. Each put in operation in 1906. Copies of Bulletin No. 316 may be obtained without cost by applying to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, at Washington, D. C.

## COAL FIELDS

**Of Arkansas and Kentucky From Geological Standpoint.**

The Arkansas coal field comprises the east end of a large area of coal land which has its greatest extent in Indian Territory. The coals belong to two great geologic systems, called by geologists the Carboniferous and the Tertiary, but only those of the older system, the Carboniferous, have been exploited and are known commercially. They grade from bituminous to semi-anthracite, and recent experiments at the United States Geological Survey testing plant at St. Louis have shown that they are of a quality not found elsewhere in the United States west of West Virginia.

The Geological Survey of Arkansas, under the direction of Dr. John C. Branner, long ago made an investigation of this coal field, and in 1888 published a preliminary report entitled "Geology of the Coal Regions," by Arthur Winslow. Topographic maps of the field were prepared jointly by the State and Federal Surveys to accompany Mr. Winslow's final report, but this, unfortunately, has never been published, and mining operations within the field have shown that its structure is more complex and that the areas of workable coal are more limited than the results of previous surveys indicated. For these reasons a detailed reconnaissance of the field, in which the maps referred to were used, were made from March 1 to August 1, 1906, by Arthur J. Collier, geologist, of the United States Geological Survey, and an abstract of the report on that work has just been published by the Survey.

The coal field described by Mr. Collier adjoins the Indian Territory line, from which it extends eastward along the valley of the Arkansas for 75 miles. It is about 50 miles wide at its west end, but the belt containing workable coal contracts abruptly 12 miles from the boundary, and beyond this point its average width is not more than 20 miles. The workable coal areas are more or less irregularly distributed over the district, and many of them are in detached basins not known to be connected with one another. The productive areas of the east end of the field are north of the Arkansas river. Those of the west are south of it.

The geologists of the National Survey have mapped and studied in detail a part of the northern edge of the field in Arkansas and a portion of the field in Indian Territory. The Coalgate, Atoka and Talequah folios of the Geologic Atlas of the United States, covering parts of this region, have been published, and two other folios, the Sallisaw and Windingstair, are in preparation. Reports on the geology of the Eastern Choctaw field and on the southwestern coal field were published by the Survey in the 21st and 22nd reports of the Director, and maps of the segregated coal lands in Indian Territory were issued by the Department of the Interior as Circulars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 1904.

Mr. Collier's report in Bulletin No. 316 contains an account of the structure and stratigraphy of the district, a description of the various coals and many analyses of coal samples.

The development of the coal industry in Arkansas on a commercial scale began about 1870, and the production increased to a maximum in 1903, when the output amounted to 2,229,172 short tons. A slight decline in the production after 1903 was caused by the competition of fuel oil from Texas, but present conditions indicate that the demand for Arkansas coal is again increasing.

Coal production in the area near the southwest edge of the Eastern Interior coal field, lying chiefly in Illinois but extending also into Indiana and Kentucky, is increasing so rapidly that geologic work carried on within it has an important economic bearing and a preliminary account of field work done during the three autumn months of 1906, just published by the Federal Geological Survey, acquires additional interest from the fact that it is the first published report for the area since 1875, though adjoining districts in Indiana and Kentucky have received later attention.

The area described in this report includes parts of four Illinois counties—Saline, Gallatin, White and Hamilton and its boundaries extend slightly beyond those of the Eldorado and New Haven quadrangles as shown on the atlas sheets of the National Survey. It measures 30½ miles from east to west and 18½ miles from north to south, thus including approximately 550 square miles. These two quadrangles are the first of a series extending across the southern Illinois coal field the mapping of which will be completed in the near future. The work, both topographic and geologic, is being executed cooperatively by the Illinois Geological Survey, under the direction of Dr. H. Foster Bain, and the United States Geological Survey, and the field work on which this preliminary report is based was carried on by its author, Frank W. De Wolf, of the National Survey.

The rapid development of this area is due to the excellent quality and wide distribution of the coal, and to favorable mining conditions. The production to date has been entirely in the Illinois portion of the area, and until last year in Gallatin and Saline counties, but White county also is now producing. In 1906 the area yielded 411,627 tons, a gain of 115 per cent. over the production in 1905.

The economic value of the geologic examination of the various coals of this region lies in determining for each its vertical position, horizontal extent, thickness, quality, structure and correlation with beds in other areas. As the study of the region has not yet been fully completed, some of the field observations may be differently interpreted in the final report; but the data presented by Mr. De Wolf can not fail to be valuable, for they include a description of the general geology, an account of the structural features as indicated by observations at 111 datum localities, a description of the coals now mined, chemical analyses of the coals, two maps, and a number of columnar sections. As indicated on these sections, coal occur at 20 horizons at least, but many of the beds are local in extent and worthless. Only two more lower beds have been found to be workable in areas to the south and east and in other parts of Illinois. It seems probable that drilling may show similar conditions in parts of this region.

## NEW COAL COMPANY.

**With the General Offices at Boswell and Operations in Somerset.**

SOMERSET, Jan. 17.—The articles of incorporation of the Atlantic Coal Company were recently placed on record. The new concern will have its principal offices at Boswell. A. J. Field of New York is President, Grant Emmons of New York is Secretary and Frank B. Black of Meyersdale is Treasurer. J. Milton Black of Somerset will have charge of the main offices. The new company has issued capital stock to the amount of $30,000.

At the same time that the above paper was placed on record a deed from Frank S. Black of Meyersdale to the Atlantic Coal Company was placed on record. This instrument, which bears the date of January 14, 1908, conveys two tracts of land situated in Jenners township, the one containing about 116 acres and the other containing about 10 acres. The consideration was $23,414.63.

## THE CONNELLSVILLE COKE TRADE.

**Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, January 18, 1908.**

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.

| Districts. | Ovens. | In Blast. | Out Blast. | Tons. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Connellsville | 23,778 | 9,524 | 14,366 | 93,481 |
| Lower C'ville | 12,268 | 4,945 | 7,323 | 50,356 |
| Totals | 36,158 | 14,469 | 21,689 | 143,838 |

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

| District. | Pittsb'g | West. | East. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| C'ville and Lower C'ville | 2,546 | 2,542 | 429 | 5,517 |

**Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, Janurry 11, 1908.**

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds.

| Districts. | Ovens. | In Blast. | Out Blast. | Tons. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Connellsville | 23,890 | 9,021 | 14,866 | 83,615 |
| Lower C'ville | 12,268 | 5,094 | 7,174 | 53,731 |
| Totals | 36,158 | 14,118 | 22,040 | 142,346 |

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

| District. | Pittsb'g | West. | East. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| C'ville and Lower C'ville | 2,754 | 1,926 | 491 | 5,171 |

# MINING LAWS ARE WORTHLESS

## So Far as the Protection of Miners is Concerned is Sentiment of Meeting.

## OPERATORS AND MINERS TALK.

**Pittsburg-Buffalo Company Entertains Gathering and Practical Men Make Some Good Suggestions for Revision of State Mining Laws.**

"The present mining laws of Pennsylvania are practically worthless so far as the protection of the miners is concerned. They are only passable so far as the operation of mines is concerned. Entirely new laws to supplant them are needed to minimize dangers of disaster and loss of life among the coal miners. It is the province of the miner and the operator whose interests are most concerned to suggest these laws jointly. They have a right to insist upon their being rigidly enforced."

This was the keynote of one of the most interesting gatherings ever held in Pittsburg by coal mining interests and at which miners, mine foremen, superintendents and mine owners sat down together and for hours discussed matters vital to them. They met in the offices of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company, in the Frick building. President Jones of that corporation was instrumental in getting the men together. President Francis Feehan, organizers and prominent members of the miners' union were present.

Mr. Jones declared the time had come for a better system of laws to protect the miner and operator. He believed that fully 50 per cent. of the disasters could be eliminated by a proper observance of the mine laws, but most of all, the mine rules, which represented more closely the wisdom of practical experience. He appealed to the miners to labor among their colleagues for better observance of such rules and asked them to go to the mine managers and demand the arrest of any miner who disobeyed them.

Mr. Jones, speaking for the operators, declared that he did not want to make a single dollar out of any mine at the expense of the miner's life or limb. He asked that President Feehan be empowered to appoint a committee of practical miners to confer with a like committee of operators and suggest revision of the mining laws.

He suggested that the miners employ one of their number as an independent mine inspector to visit all sections of the mine, and recommendations for improvement or safety of the men at work, going over the head of the mine foreman or superintendent and reporting to the general offices of the company. Mr. Jones promised that such an inspector would be given attention and encouraged to be protected in any dispute with the mine officials.

Mr. Jones also declared every miner should be instructed to report dereliction of duty by mine boss, fire boss, mine foreman or superintendent, and if he got into trouble by this, said officials of the company would see that he did not suffer.

The miners agreed upon the general propositions as worthy of immediate action. President Feehan was emphatic in his support of the plan. He agreed to the appointment of the committee, and the miners' committee of the mines represented agreed to take up the matter at an independent mine inspector of their own. President Feehan said a law should be enacted in the bituminous fields like that in force in the anthracite regions, which compel an examination of every miner to show that he is competent to work in a mine. The operators declared if such a law is considered best by the committee it will have their warm support.

The operators were surprised that some of the miners had declared they would not obey the order abolishing the use of black powder, designed to prevent accidents. They declared it a rule which must be enforced.

After the conference those present went to the Union Club, where a dinner was served by the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company and addresses made regarding steps to secure safety in mines. It was intimated the matters taken up would be carried to the National Convention of miners next week and there be threshed out by them and probably by the operators who will gather there later.

## WHITE COAL BED.

**Experts Believe That It Contains Salt, Which Causes Color.**

Reports of the discovery of a bed of white coal at Wrightsburg, McLean county, Kentucky, have caused considerable interest throughout the State.

Specimens of the coal, which was found by a farmer while making excavations for a reservoir, have been sent to Louisville by a preacher from Madisonville, who has been conducting revival services in the mountain district near Wrightsburg, and will be analyzed by experts for the purpose of determining the composition and value of the deposit for commercial purposes.

The coal is of a grayish white, with a considerable lustre. It is said to burn slowly with little soot or cinders, leaving a powdery ash not unlike that from a wood fire. Coal men believe that it contains some metallic salt, which causes the color.

## BOOZE PEDDLERS.

**Are Being Looked to in Cambria County for Protection of Miners.**

Coal producers in the Central Pennsylvania districts are taking a determined stand on the question of suppressing liquor peddlers among their workmen. A meeting was recently held at Ebensburg, Cambria county, but the attendance was small. However one of those present thus expressed himself:

"The operation of mines is greatly interfered with by numerous christening, wedding and other holiday drinking bees among the foreigners but in the main we get along as well as could be expected. Judge O'Connor has been doing all in his power to break up the evil, and the constables can be appealed to for redress where the wholesale dumping of beer makes trouble."

## VETERANS' BANQUET.

**Second Annual Affair of Frick Men to be Held February 12.**

The Frick Veterans' Association will hold their second annual reception in Markell Hall Wednesday evening, February 12, beginning at 8 o'clock. The banquet was held last year in January and was a most enjoyable and fashionable affair.

Practically all heads of departments of the company were present at the reception, including Thomas Lynch, President of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. Many interesting addresses were delivered, after which a banquet was served and dancing and cards enjoyed.

The committee in charge of the reception is: W. C. Mullen, D. M. Pigman and J. A. Barnhart.

## ACCIDENTS AND WEATHER.

**Atmospheric Conditions Have Much to Do With Mine Disasters.**

There has been considerable said on the subject recently, and it is conceded that "something is liable to happen" on muggy, foggy days. In England there is a system of colliery warnings in connection with the weather bureau, and one writer says on this topic:

"The question, therefore, is practically narrowed down to the influence of the fluctuations of the atmospheric pressure upon the gobves of old workings of the mine. And here undoubtedly the effect is considerable, depending as to its harmfulness or otherwise, upon the nature of the atmosphere in the worked-out area. If the mine is gassy, the goaf area will also be gassy, for it is the receptacle into which the gas exhuding from the surface of the coal next the goaf and from the broken strata is constantly (though it may be slowly) escaping; and as the air in the goaf is practically stagnant, the gas accumulates and may be present in much larger proportion than is necessary to perform an explosive mixture with air. When, therefore, owing to diminished atmospheric pressure, this gas expands, it overflows into the adjacent airways, and, meeting with the fresh air, forms an explosive mixture. It here, however, comes under control of the ventilating current, and may be rapidly carried away.

"It may, on the other hand, be sufficient to overcome the ventilation and foul the air. This is a state of affairs for which the manager and his officials are constantly on the lookout. It may be that the fall of the barometer puts him on his guard; or, as often is not, the detection of gas at the goaf edge is his first indication of a lowering pressure. Gas is a much more sensitive barometer than a column of mercury, and if the goaf is already freely charged with gas to its utter extremities, the slightest lowering of the atmospheric pressure will be evident in the pit before there is any indication of it on the mercurial barometer. On the other hand, the gas will recede into the goaf on the slightest increase of pressure, to be followed shortly by a rise in the barometer. If, however, the goaf is not so fully charged, the indication of the barometer may exceed that in the pit and gas may not make itself evident until a considerable fall in the barometer has taken place.

"The gradations upon these extremes depend upon the conditions prevailing at the colliery. The connection between this ebb and flow of gas for rise and fall of the barometer) and the occurrence of explosions is another matter. It is not the gas escaping from the goaves that is the most fruitful source of colliery explosions, but rather the gas (aded, it may be, by coal dust) which unexpectedly makes its appearance in the main roadways of the mine. It is not where the gas is expected, but where it is unexpected, that the greater danger lies."

## JOLIET OVENS

**Will Be Ready to Go in Blast by Early Summer.**

Speaking of the new coke ovens now in course of construction at Joliet, Ill., Superintendent David Mathias of the Illinois Steel Company says:

"We are constructing at the north end of our Joliet plant what is known as by-product coke ovens 280 of them. They will be the largest of their kind in this country or in Europe, and when they are completed we will carbonize 3,000 tons of coal per day. We will manufacture 11,000 feet of gas per day that can be utilized. The new plant will be ready for operation in the spring or early summer."

## CLEARING WRECKAGE.

**Pittsburg Coal Company Making Rapid Progress at Darr.**

The Pittsburg Coal Company is making rapid progress in cleaning up the wreckage at the Darr mine, which was the scene of the terrible explosion a few weeks ago. The entries are now in fairly good shape, and work has been started on the outside of the mine at the entrance. It is thought that all will be in perfect condition within a month, but it is doubtful if the mine will be started again before spring. The interior, in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, is badly damaged, and is not even yet considered safe by any means. The damage to the entire interior will hardly, however, exceed $100,000 or $150,000.

**North Preston Coal Co. Election.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Preston Coal Company was held at Scottdale in the offices of the company and the following board of directors was chosen:

F. P. Rush, B. A. Wertner, M. L. Hasness, E. L. Stoner, J. T. Strickler. The following officers were elected: B. A. Wertner, President; F. P. Rush, Vice President; E. L. Stoner, Secretary, and M. L. Hasness, Treasurer. The company owns a large tract of undeveloped coal land in Preston county, W. Va., which has been secured during the past year. No definite plans have yet been made for the development of the tract.

**Lincoln Coal & Coke Co. Election.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lincoln Coal & Coke Company was held at the company's office in the First National Bank building, Scottdale, and the following directors were elected:

A. L. Loucks, A. C. Overholt, B. F. Keister, F. O. Keister and C. H. Loucks. The directors organized by electing A. L. Keister, President; A. C. Overholt, Vice President; E. L. Stoner, Secretary, and B. F. Keister, Treasurer. The works of the company are located at Waltersburg, this county.

**To Survey Somerset.**

Congressman Allen F. Conner is endeavoring to have a mineralogical survey made of Somerset county by the United State Geological Survey. Director Smith has been consulted.

# THE COKE TRADE SHOWS GOOD GAIN.

## Production for Connellsville Region Larger But Lower Region Drops Off.

## ARE FIRING OVENS EVERY WEEK

**Frick Company is Steadily Adding to Its Active List—Workmen Are Reported Scarce at Number of Plants. New Rules Being Enforced.**

Coke production in the Connellsville region increased somewhat, but in the lower region there was a falling off in the trade. This week, however, shows a gain in production, and establishes the fact very firmly that there is to be a resumption of business, even if it is slow. One very strong feature of the week is the good gain in the shipments. An increase of 350 cars in one week is something to give confidence to the trade and indicates that there is a better demand for the fuel. The Frick Company continues to add more ovens to its plants now, and although still running on the five day basis, production is gaining while heavy shipments of stock coke are moving to market. Many of the yards of the company have undergone wonderful changes since the order to resume was made, and some of them have been entirely cleaned of the huge stocks of coke that had remained in the yards for weeks at a time.

Independent operators have not fared so good in the revival of the trade, and although there are many inquiries for coke, the prices offered are so low that many of the operators have refused long term contracts without parleying. A well known authority says coke prices this year will be much nearer the $2 mark than for many years. He believes that $2 is a good contract price for the year's supply, provided there is an iron-clad contract to take the output of a plant without breaking the contract, should there be another slump. Many independent operators are missing the fat contracts that they made last year with the Steel Corporation for their output. The Corporation is not taking any coke now from outside parties, all contracts having expired the first of the year. It is not likely that any of them will be renewed, and certainly not at $2.80 per ton.

At nearly all of the Frick Coke Company plants there is already talk of a shortage of labor. So many foreigners left the region since the slump in the trade occurred that the starting of a few thousand ovens has already resulted in a scarcity of experienced men. Another reason for the scarcity of men is the rigid rule that is being set regarding the undermining of coal, the use of powder, and safety lamps. At a number of mines strict orders have been put in force permitting only safety lamps and the undercutting of all coal. Quite a few miners have given up their positions because of these regulations, and it has been reported that at a number of plants the superintendents have been unable to get out enough coal.

There is every indication at this time, however, that with the return of trade to the coke fields there will be a return of miners and drawers from their homes in the Old Country. The word that work is plentiful in the coke region is soon carried across the waters and nearly every miner or coke drawer that returns brings a new man with him. The only annoying feature of this action is the fact that another man must be educated to the business.

The general belief is that the trade has now fairly started to recover from the money panic and dullness of the past three months and that it will continue to gain in volume and strength in the next two months.

## COMPANY GIVES $20,000.

**Pittsburg Coal Company Also Provides Free Rent for Darr Mine Sufferers.**

The Executive Committee of the Darr Mine Relief Fund met Wednesday afternoon in the office of Mayor Guthrie at Pittsburg and received reports of the various sub-committees and communications from other organizations on the relief work.

A communication has been received from Rev. F. Braczowski of the Holy Family Orphan Asylum at Emsworth, offering to receive and care for 10 orphans of Darr mine families.

A receipt was received from the Pittsburg Coal Company stating that the company has cared for all the sufferers at the mine in the way of coal and supplies and has furnished free rent to those who live in company houses and has given $20,000 to the fund. Treasurer John B. Jackson reported the contributions to be $19,020.98 up to noon Wednesday.

# COMMENT OF A MINER

## On Testimony Offered at the Darr Mine Inquest.

## HELD AT SMITHTON LAST WEEK

**Chain Machine, He Says, Is Condemned Because of the Dust It Makes. Recommendations Made by the Mine Inspectors.**

A well known and experienced miner makes the following comment on the Coroner's inquest of the Darr mine disaster, recently held at Smithton:

"In reading the evidence given before the coroner's jury at Smithton last week the point is emphasised that the dry and dusty mine is a dangerous mine, and to remedy this a number of recommendations are made. If all are carried out the price of our fuel will be greatly increased or the wages of the miners reduced to a point where the miner will be compelled to seek another vocation. The danger is we may pass such stringent laws that the industry in our State will be crippled and placed at a serious disadvantage compared with other coal mining districts.

"The chain machine is condemned on account of the dust made by it. To banish the chair machine we not only destroy a great amount of capital and reduce the output of our mines, but we drive the miner back to the pick or the punching machine, either of which is much slower and harder work for the miner.

"We know the chain machine is a dust producer; a cut across a room 18 feet wide and 6½ feet deep will produce 38 cubic feet of fine dust and if a charge of inflamable powder is used to blast the coal down on this dust we can readily imagine what may happen.

"Instead of allowing this dust to lie and be loaded with the coal, why not do as some of our coal companies are now doing, compel the miner to load the dust in a mine wagon and send it out in his room or heading before any blasting is done. If this is done the danger of fires and explosions from the fine dust is eliminated. It is not the dust scattered through the mine that starts fires or explosions. This dust will spread and intensify an explosion, but all the evidence we have goes to prove that the heat and flame from a blast is the initial cause of our fires and explosions.

"Remove the dust as fast as made and we remove one of the prime factors. This will cost but little, and the use of a small amount of water on the dry mine floor after the dust is loaded makes the mine as safe with the chain machine as with any other machine we can use.

"The other recommendations of the Mine Inspectors are to the point and if carried out will reduce the number of fatalities in our mines, and make the coal industry what it should be, a safe occupation."

# GREAT SURPLUS

**Of the United States Steel Corporation Which Amounts to More Than $110,000,000.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—With a surplus of more than $110,000,000 and cash holdings of approximately $75,000,000, the United States Steel Corporation during the coming year will not have to reduce or pass the dividend on its common stock.

Rumors have been current that at the meeting of the directors this month the common dividend would be eliminated until the management was in better position to gauge the future course of the steel industry. However, a representative of the Corporation declares there has been no discussion bearing upon the action of the Directors at the coming meeting. The statement that the Steel Corporation for the last quarter of 1907 would show earnings of not less than $35,000,000 was the popular estimate until recently. This would enable the Corporation to pay its preferred and common dividends and make all sinking fund, depreciation and interest provisions and then show a very comfortable surplus for the quarter. But it is doubtful if the Corporation will show earnings in the present quarter so large. In the first quarter of 1907 net earnings aggregated approximately $13,500,000. Steel men here do not take a pessimistic view of the situation, and believe that the average earnings for the current year will be satisfactory and show that preferred dividends and interest have been earned.

It is said that J. P. Morgan is determined to continue the common dividend unless he is prevailed upon to suspend or reduce it by other members of the Board. Mr. Morgan is regarded as the most influential director of the Steel Corporation, and his opinion will go a long way towards shaping the dividend action of the Directors. H. C. Frick stated that while the steel trade was undergoing depression, conditions would right themselves.

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Bar Iron Association in this city it was decided to reaffirm prices. The argument presented was that no good would result from a reduction at this time. However, it is reported that some concessions have been made in iron bars. Another meeting of the Association is scheduled for this week. No sales of pig iron are being made in this market.

Reports of large rail orders have been current this week, but according to the best information obtainable the railroads are not rushing to buy rails. The New York Central and the Pennsylvania will have to buy some rails this year, but if they take a reasonable proportion of the tonnage required in 1907, the mills will be satisfied. There are a number of roads that would enter the market at once as purchasers of steel rails, but they cannot get the money. A representative of the United States Steel Corporation says the railroads will take a few of the higher priced rails this year, simply because they do not wish to increase operating expenses on falling earnings.

# DISPUTE ON PROFITS.

**Judge Gillan Hears Equity Suit in Somerset Coal Case, Action for $168,000.**

SOMERSET, Jan. 16.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Judge W. Rush Gillan of Chambersburg, Franklin county, took the papers in the equity battle between John O. Bauch of Jenners and W. H. Morris of Johnstown, Superintendent of the Merchants Coal Company's plant at Boswell, plaintiffs, and Isaiah Good, Norman E. Knepper and Daniel R. Zimmerman, defendants.

This is an action to recover $168,000 alleged by the plaintiffs to be due them from the sale of certain coal lands in Jenner, Conemaugh and Quemahoning townships.

In the agreement a line is erased, a pen having been drawn through it. This line specifies that Morris and Rauch shall each pay their proportionate share of the cost of the operations. Rauch claims that Mr. Zimmerman erased this line and the defendants aver that the line was not erased by them.

Some time after the making of the agreement a written notice was served upon Rauch and Morris by the defendants, this notice stating that Rauch and Morris should pay their proportionate share of the cost of drilling test holes and of other expenses incurred in obtaining the options. Morris and Rauch stated that according to the agreement they were not to pay any money and the defendants sold the property. Morris and Rauch did not receive their proportionate share and this suit resulted. Robert P. Watts, a Pittsburg attorney, stated that the land sold embraced an acreage of 2,691 acres and that the price was $142.50 per acre. This total amount being $383,467.50, of which Morris and Rauch each lay claim to one-fifth.

# INCREASE DUES.

**United Mine Workers in Pittsburg District Will Hereafter Pay 25 Cents a Month.**

Much of the business of the annual Convention of the United Mine Workers of the Pittsburg district has been completed and last week the organization had little to distract its attention from the reports of committees and making such changes in by-laws and rules as were considered best. The annual election of officers which was reported by the tellers showed that the old leaders had been elected with comfortable majorities, and the count gives Francis Feehan, the President, the lead in the voting.

The officers who will lead District No. 5 organization for the ensuing year will be: President, Francis Feehan; Vice President, James S. Clark; Secretary-Treasurer, Timothy Donovan. The Executive Board members elected include F. P. Hanaway, John McCartney, W. P. Friday, Percy Burgoyne, A. L. Davis, Geo. Dagger, Geo. Guzi M. Halapy and John Driscoll.

S. A. Whetzel was elected International Executive Board member for the Pittsburg district. Martin Greely Assistant District Auditor, and the tellers for the next annual election are William Brewer, William Feeney and Thomas Snowball.

The convention approved the resolution raising the monthly dues of the union from 10 to 25 cents a month in the future, in order to increase the funds of the union. There was some opposition to this proposition and fears were expressed that it would result in the withdrawal of many members, but the need for more funds was considered of more importance, and this opinion prevailed.

# EXTRA PRECAUTION.

**Chief Roderick Issues a Letter to His Inspectors.**

Since the recent mine disasters in the bituminous region of Pennsylvania, Chief Roderick of the State Department of Mines has urged the inspectors to greater efforts to protect the miners. A special committee of five inspectors has been appointed by Mr. Roderick to inspect any mine in the region about which any doubt exists regarding the condition of safety. The following letter has been sent to each of the 20 inspectors in the bituminous sections of the State:

"I am especially apprehensive of the conditions existing in mines where coal is being blasted from the solid, also in mines where the undercutting is being done by electric chain machines by which the atmosphere of the mine is continually impregnated with coal dust. Have you any mines of this character in your district? If so, send to me at once their names and locations."

# DARR INQUEST.

**Testimony All in and Verdict May Be Announced Tomorrow—Inspectors' Recommendations.**

After a three-day session the Coroner's jury which conducted an inquest into the Darr mine explosion at Jacobs Creek adjourned finally at 4.45 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The evidence will be considered tomorrow, when there will be another sitting with Coroner Wynn, at which time it is expected the verdict will be announced.

At Saturday afternoon's session a statement signed by 20 State Mine Inspectors of the bituminous coal region of Western Pennsylvania was read, fixing the initial point of the explosion near the face of nine left butt entry off 27 entry. In the paper they said the explosion was caused by a blowout shot or an open light, projecting flame into the gaseous or dusty atmosphere and added that it may have been caused by an accidental explosion of dynamite. The paper states the inspectors condemn the system of ventilation used at the Darr mine and they feel it their duty to recommend a four-entry system.

They also recommend the use of overcasts in place of doors, different type of coal cutter, competent shot firers, flameless blasting powder, lock safety lamps, a pipe system of sprinkling the dust and hauling of the dust out once a week; that a sufficient number of fire bosses be employed to insure the complete covering of the mine without too much haste, that the Superintendent see that the mine foremen and fire bosses perform their duties. Had these safeguards, they assert, been observed, and a rigid discipline existed among the employes the catastrophe would not have occurred.

In conclusion the Inspectors state that the recommendations apply not only to the Darr mine, but to all mines in the district that are known to contain gases and dust.

# PENNSYLVANIA COUP.

**Closes a Deal Securing Exclusive Tonnage in Washington County.**

By the closing of a deal through which the Pennsylvania railroad secures the ownership of a strip of land 300 feet wide, and extending through a narrow valley leading from the new mining district of Zollarsville, Pa., and then with a right of way to the north to Sheraden yards back of McKees Rocks, that railroad has accomplished one of the most important moves that has been made by railroad interests in the Pittsburg district since the Wabash made its entry into Pittsburg territory.

The Pennsylvania coup is believed to have shut out competition in the Zollarsville coal field of Southern Washington county, where the Pittsburg & Buffalo Company is operating the largest bituminous mine in the world and where other extensive industrial developments are expected.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

## The Connellsville District

**With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast, Corrected to Saturday, January 18, 1908.**

| Works. | Operator. | P. O. Address. | Ovens. | In Blast. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Acme | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 262 | |
| Acme | Penn Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 86 | |
| Adelaide | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 375 | 200 |
| Alverton No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 252 | |
| Alverton No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 101 | |
| Atlas No. 1 | Cambria Steel Co. | Dunbar, Pa. | 90 | 90 |
| Atlas No. 2 | Cambria Steel Co. | Dunbar, Pa. | 120 | |
| Atlas No. 3 | Cambria Steel Co. | Dunbar, Pa. | 92 | .. |
| Baggaley | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 400 | 300 |
| Beatty | Mt. Pleasant C. Co. | Greensburg, Pa. | 182 | 100 |
| Bitner | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 300 | 150 |
| Bourne | Wharton Coke Works | Uniontown, Pa. | 86 | 86 |
| Boyer | Mt. Pleasant Coke Co. | Greensburg, Pa. | 120 | |
| Brinkerton | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 240 | |
| Brush Run | Brush Run C. & C. Co. | Mt. Pleasant, Pa. | 30 | |
| Buckeye | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 306 | 106 |
| Calumet | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 260 | 150 |
| Carolyn | Peerless Conn. Coke Co. | Connellsville, Pa. | 32 | 32 |
| Central | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 303 | 200 |
| Chester | E. A. Humphries & Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 54 | |
| Clare | Clare Coke Co. | Greensburg, Pa. | 100 | 60 |
| Clarissa | Jas. Cochran & Sons | Dawson, Pa. | 108 | 40 |
| Coalbrook | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 120 | |
| Continental No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 400 | 250 |
| Continental No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 326 | 250 |
| Continental No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 300 | 250 |
| Crossland | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 120 | |
| Davidson | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 353 | 200 |
| Dexter | J. R. Stauffer & Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 40 | |
| Dorothy | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 230 | 130 |
| Ellen No. 1 | Whyel Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 40 | 40 |
| Ellen No. 2 | Whyel Coke Co. | Uniontown | 50 | 30 |
| Elizabeth | Unity-Conn. Coke Co. | Greensburg, Pa. | 80 | |
| Elm Grove | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 218 | |
| Empire | Majestic Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 120 | 60 |
| Enterprise | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 48 | |
| Florence | E. A. Humphries & Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 20 | 20 |
| Fort Hill | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 186 | |
| Foundry | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 97 | |
| Franklin | Lincoln Coal & Coke Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 50 | 50 |
| Frick | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 105 | |
| Gilmore | Gilmore C. & C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 101 | |
| Grace | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 408 | |
| Hecla No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 272 | 240 |
| Hecla No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 500 | 240 |
| Hecla No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 300 | |
| Henry Clay | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 120 | |
| Hester | Hester Coke Co. | Masontown, Pa. | 50 | |
| Home | Stauffer & Wiley | Scottdale, Pa. | 20 | 20 |
| Hostetter | Hostetter-Con Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 355 | |
| Humphreys | Bessemer Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 100 | 100 |
| Junction | Marietta-Gainer C. Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 40 | 20 |
| Juniata | Juniata Coke Co. | Dawson, Pa. | 250 | |
| Kyle | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 306 | 150 |
| Leisenring No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 500 | 300 |
| Leisenring No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 500 | 210 |
| Leisenring No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 504 | 300 |
| Leith | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 200 | 200 |
| Lemont No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 308 | 100 |
| Lemont No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 227 | 100 |
| Love | Conn. Mutual C. Co. | Connellsville, Pa. | 350 | 200 |
| Mammoth | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 82 | |
| Marguerite | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 510 | 250 |
| Meyers | Brownfield-Con. C. Co. | Tarr, Pa. | 450 | 250 |
| Morgan | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 32 | 32 |
| Mt. Braddock | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 165 | 100 |
| Mullen | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 540 | 100 |
| Mutual | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 82 | |
| Nellie | Brown & Cochran | Dawson, Pa. | 197 | |
| Oliphant | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 320 | |
| Oliver No. 1 | Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co. | Oliver, Pa. | 252 | 150 |
| Oliver No. 2 | Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co. | Oliver, Pa. | 328 | 328 |
| Oliver No. 3 | Oliver & Snyder I. S. Co. | Oliver, Pa. | 480 | 480 |
| Painter | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 300 | 300 |
| Paul | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 489 | 228 |
| Pennsville | Pennsville Coke Co. | Pennsville, Pa. | 92 | |
| Percy | Percy Mining Co. | Percy, Pa. | 36 | |
| Rainey | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 186 | |
| Redstone | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 445 | 250 |
| Revere | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 650 | 50 |
| Sapper | Harding & Byrne | Scottdale, Pa. | 26 | |
| Semet-Solvay | Dunbar Furnace Co. | Dunbar, Pa. | 110 | 110 |
| Shannon | Shannon Coke Co. | Uniontown | 40 | |
| Sairey | South Fayette Coke Co. | Uniontown Pa. | 36 | |
| Snaf | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 446 | |
| Southwest No. 1 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 625 | 240 |
| Southwest No. 2 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 252 | 100 |
| Southwest No. 3 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 205 | 100 |
| Southwest No. 4 | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 151 | |
| Spring Grove | Cochran Bros. | Dawson, Pa. | 61 | |
| Standard | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 901 | 350 |
| Sterling | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 50 | |
| Stewart | Stewart Iron Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 155 | |
| Summit | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 142 | |
| Thomas | Whyel Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 40 | 40 |
| Tip Top | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 121 | |
| Trotter | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 464 | 280 |
| Tyrone | American Coal M. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 50 | |
| United | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 350 | 250 |
| Union | W. J. Rainey | New York, N. Y. | 72 | |
| Valley | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 251 | 150 |
| Veteran | Veteran Coke Co. | Greensburg, Pa. | 80 | |
| White | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 200 | 146 |
| Whitney | Hostetter-Con. Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 332 | |
| Wynn | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 200 | 200 |
| York Run | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 420 | 240 |
| Youngstown | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 241 | 160 |
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# MINING ENGINEERS ON STAND; FIX POINT OF DARR EXPLOSION.

## Report of Fire Bosses Show Gas Was Detected Almost Daily but Not in Dangerous Quantities.

### KNOCK ON THE SAFETY LAMP.

**One Expert Says It is a Bad Thing to Work With in Gas—Coroner Wynn Expects to Conclude His Inquest Some Time This Afternoon.**

SMITHTON, Jan. 18.—Several mining experts took the stand this morning to substantiate their claim, made in a signed statement presented to Coroner Wynn yesterday, that the explosion in the Darr mine on December 19 was caused by five men who entered a fenced off portion of the mine known as right butt entries 3 and 4 off 28 entry. Records of the fire bosses showed that gas had been discovered in this portion of the mine and it was fenced off. After the explosion inspectors found the bodies of five men in this prohibited section, together with a loaded wagon and a mule.

The State Mine Inspectors are trying to fix the point of the original explosion as being fully 4,000 feet from the point the coal company says it first occurred.

At the opening of this morning's session Coroner Wynn stated that after all the witnesses have been called, any miner or other person desiring to make a statement will be allowed to do so.

Mine Inspector D. R. Blower submitted the fan records of Darr mine for the month of December up to the time of the explosion. These records showed that the fan was working all right.

John E. Reyburn of Pittsburg, a mining engineer not affiliated with any of the coal companies but who signed the paper presented Coroner Wynn, took the stand and testified that he had inspected the mine three times since the explosion. He was cross-examined as to why that certain point was fixed as the seat of the original explosion. It was Reyburn's opinion that following the first explosion, it was carried along by subsequent explosions of gas and dust. One per cent. of gas, mixed with dust, he declared sufficient to carry the explosion along, although such a small quantity of gas might not be detected by any fire boss. It was this series of explosions, he said, that started the trouble, while the others were caused by flames. Mr. Reyburn stated that he knew of no method by which a repetition of the same accident could be prevented. He believed that by taking the following safeguards the danger of explosions would be much lessened: Adopt the use of safety lamps; use non-inflamable explosives and arrange special ventilation for gaseous sections.

Benjamin Fereday, inspector for the Pittsburg Coal Company, who also signed the report, took the stand with a criticism of the so-called safety lamps. Fereday say they were a good thing to find gas with, but poor to work in it. He declared that safety lamps are not entirely safe. Fereday says that the Darr mine can be operated with safety using open lights. He declared that while non-inflammable explosive is a good thing, it is a hard matter to make the miners use it. They insist on sneaking black powder and dynamite into the mines, he said.

Relative to the seat of the original explosion, Fereday said that had it occurred near the center of the mine the force would have been expended in both ways. As it was, the course of the explosion could be traced only in one direction.

W. W. Jamison of Greensburg and Chief Engineer J. P. K. Miller of the H. C. Frick Coke Company were examined and gave their reasons for locating the seat of the original explosion.

During their examination the reports of the fire bosses were admitted as evidence. With one or two exceptions gas was reported in different sections of the mine every day, although not in large quantities.

At noon the inquest adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SMITHTON, Jan. 16.—Coroner C. A. Wynn of Westmoreland county this morning began an inquest into the Darr mine disaster. The inquest is being held in the Neckelodeon building.

The members of the jury are Noah E. Rhodes, foreman; William M. Saunders, Thomas P. Francis, David H. Smith, Albert Z. Lynn and Samuel Bateman.

Only two witnesses were examined this morning and but slow progress is being made. Coroner Wynn stated this morning that if better progress is not made it is possible that the inquest may take three days and possibly longer.

The first witness this morning was W. C. Muse, the mining engineer who laid out the Darr mine. Mr. Muse stated that the mine is well laid out and as well planned as any of those in the neighborhood. The testimony of this witness was purely technical.

The next witness called was Superintendent William Kelvington of the Darr mine. He occupied the stand the greater part of the morning and was still being questioned when adjournment was taken at noon for lunch.

Kelvington's testimony was principally technical. No effort was made this morning to bring to light any of the facts connected with the explosion, but the witnesses were questioned in order to make the jury familiar with the mine and its general plan.

Superintendent Kelvington testified as to the ventilation and haulage, explaining the detailed maps which were submitted in evidence. He stated that the mine was well ventilated and in one section 21,000 cubic feet of air was supplied when half that amount would be meeting the requirements of the law.

When questioned as to the presence of gas in the mine, Superintendent Kelvington stated that traces of it had been detected at various times, but not in large quantities.

It is expected that this afternoon Joseph Sharpenberger, who came out of the mine just 20 minutes before it blew up, will take the stand. It is believed that some valuable and interesting information can be deduced from Sharpenberger's statements.

Several mine inspectors are attending the inquest and it is expected that some of them may be called to the witness stand. One of the most important witnesses would be D. R. Blower, in whose district Darr mine was located at the time of the explosion. Mine Inspector Thomas Williams of Connellsville, who conducted an examination after the explosion, will also be one of the witnesses, it is thought.

SMITHTON, Jan. 17.—Several witnesses were examined this morning at the Coroner's inquest being held here as a result of the Darr mine explosion of December 19. Coroner C. A. Wynn is conducting the examination of witnesses, assisted by Chief Mine Inspector James E. Roderick.

The first witness called this morning was Ben Howard, a division engineer of the Pittsburg Coal Company. Howard testified as to the condition of the mine and also of finding the report of Fire Boss Murphy, which was admitted as evidence at yesterday's hearing.

Chief Engineer E. J. Taylor of the Pittsburg Coal Company told of the workings in the mine, its ventilation and other technical matters. Mr. Taylor stated that there remain 700 acres to be mined. George R. Wood took the stand to say that the electrical equipment was the best.

General Manager G. W. Schleuderberg testified that the requests of superintendents, mine foremen and all others for material was always met promptly. Mr. Schleuderberg stated that every precaution was taken to protect the lives of men in the company's employ.

Fire Boss Edward Muldowney again identified the report of Fire Boss Murphy and gave to the jury a more concise idea of the meaning it conveys.

Chief Mine Inspector Roderick took the stand and was questioned by Coroner Wynn as to the duties of mine inspectors. When Coroner Wynn asked him if it was not a fact that State Mine Inspectors have too much territory to cover, giving them too little time in which to examine a mine, Roderick evaded the question.

John F. Bell, former Mine Inspector, in whose district the Darr mine was located, submitted his reports of January 3 and 23, 1907. A note on the last report indicated that the investigation had not been completed.

When the noon recess was taken Mine Inspector W. J. Neilson, in whose district Darr mine is now located, was on the stand. He will be the principal witness this afternoon.

The Pittsburg Coal Company has carefully prepared its defense. A blue print showing the exact location of every one of the 238 bodies taken from the mine has been prepared. In the clothing of John Murphy, fire boss, who was killed, was found a note book containing the following:

"I have examined sections 28, 29 and 30 and found gas in the second left on 29, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in the second right on 29 fenced off, falling; and third right on 28 fenced off. Balance of working places clear and in safe condition." These few words, which will play a prominent part in the inquest, were dated December 19, the day of the explosion. The bodies of five men were found in the danger zone. Here was found also a can on which was fastened an open lamp.

After the noon recess Superintendent William Kelvington was recalled. He stated the State Mine Inspector had told him the air at the swamp entry was not as good as it should be. John Reese, who put up the fan 12 years ago, said it was adequate for the Darr mine. Benjamin Howard, an engineer for the Pittsburg Coal Company, testified that he was in the mine on December 18, and went all about it with the exception of entry No. 28, carrying an open lamp.

Frank Sharpenburg, a cutter in the mine, was regarded as the most interesting witness of the day. He said he left entry No. 28 on December 19, and reached the surface a few minutes before the explosion. He noticed nothing out of the ordinary. He declared the miners paid no attention to the danger marks of the fire bosses and always went ahead without using judgment. They "acted like a set of mules," he said. Max Specht, another cutter, said he always felt safe in the mine.

Edward Muldowney, fire boss, said he had noticed gas in the swamp entry several times. Ben Faraday, inspector of mines for the coal company, said he inspected the Darr mine last October 23, 24 and 25, and found the ventilation only fair. In the swamp entry it was bad. He made a recommendation for improvements and it was acted upon. J. P. K. Miller, chief engineer of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and W. W. Keefer, an engineer of the Monongahela River Coal Company, spoke favorably of the ventilating system. The inquest will probably be completed tomorrow night.

Coroner Wynn announced yesterday that he would first prove the condition of the Darr mine prior to the explosion, then follow with the conditions after the catastrophe. Mine Inspectors C. B. Ross and I. G. Roby have seats alongside the Coroner and at times conduct rigid cross-examinations. Senator Cyrus S. Woods, chief counsel for the Pittsburg Coal Company, assisted by Paul Gaitner, is looking after the interests of the corporation. Most of the testiony of the day was concerning the condition of the mine, many technical points being covered.

James E. Roderick, Chief of the Department of Mines, with State Mine Inspectors C. B. Ross, Greensburg; I. G. Roby, Uniontown; Alexander McCance, Scottdale; John E. Bell, Dravosburg; W. J. Neilson and D. R. Blower of Irwin, are present.

### ALL A PIPE.

**There Were No Hair-Breadth Escapes at the Catsburg Mine.**

MONONGAHELA, Jan. 18.—Shortly before midnight fire was discovered in the Catsburg mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company. No one was in the mine at the time. The fire has been battled off. As it is confined in a small area it is expected to burn out in a few hours.

Reports to the effect that several miners were trapped in the mine proved false. No one was working in the mine when it caught fire and the hair-breadth escapes were fictitious.

**Tin Plate Mill Resumes.**

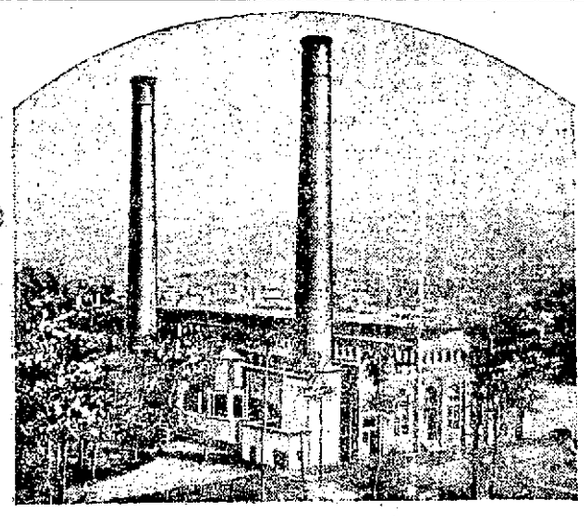
The Washington Tin Plate works resumed Wednesday, after a long shutdown. It is said that from 200 to 300 men will be given employment.

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| | | | | |
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| Ada | Ada Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 40 | |
| Annamyra | Leckrone Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 32 | 32 |
| Atcheson | Republic I. & S. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 138 | 76 |
| Baxter | Baxter Ridge C. & C. Co. | Cheat Haven, Pa. | 20 | |
| Brier Hill | Brier Hill C. & C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 470 | 470 |
| Buffington | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 426 | 240 |
| Burchinal | Smithfield C. & C. Co. | Smithfield, Pa. | 30 | 12 |
| Century | Century Coke Co. | Brownsville, Pa. | 205 | 133 |
| Coffman | South Fayette C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 36 | |
| Colonial No. 1 | Colonial Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 500 | |
| Colonial No. 2 | Colonial Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 30 | |
| Colonial No. 4 | Colonial Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 300 | |
| Cyrilla | Rocks C. & C. Co. | Connellsville, Pa. | 140 | 50 |
| Crystal | Sackett C. & C. Co. | Smithfield, Pa. | 120 | 120 |
| Dearth | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 186 | 186 |
| Donald | Consolidated Con. C Co | Uniontown, Pa. | 402 | 200 |
| Dorothea | Iron City C. & C. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 30 | 12 |
| Dorothy | Jacobs Creek C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 32 | |
| East Connellsville | East Connellsville C. Co | Uniontown, Pa. | 52 | |
| Edenborn | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 500 | 240 |
| Edna | Waltersburg C. & C. Co. | Waltersburg, Pa. | 147 | |
| Emery | South Fayette C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 32 | |
| Finley | James Byrne Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 32 | |
| Footedale | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 400 | |
| Francis | Sunshine C. & C. Co. | Masontown, Pa. | 50 | |
| Fretts | South Fayette C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 80 | |
| Griffin | Bessemer Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 499 | 350 |
| Herbert | Con. Central Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 100 | 100 |
| Hustead | Hustead-Seman C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 200 | |
| La Belle | Labelle Coke Co. | Fredericktown, Pa | 200 | |
| Lafayette | Atlas Coke Co. | Waltersburg, Pa. | 220 | 100 |
| Lambert | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 460 | 240 |
| Leckrone | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 516 | |
| Lincoln | Lincoln C. & C. Co. | Scottdale, Pa. | 400 | 360 |
| Low Phos | Con. Central Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 251 | 210 |
| Martin | Bessemer Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 195 | 100 |
| McKeefry | McKeefrey Coal Co. | Leetonia, O. | 202 | 102 |
| Millsboro | Bessemer Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 100 | 80 |
| Murphy | Erhard Coal & C. Co. | Perryopolis, Pa. | 60 | 30 |
| Newcomer | Newcomer Coke Co. | Newcomer, Pa. | 30 | |
| Orient | Orient Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 480 | 350 |
| Phillips | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 180 | 115 |
| Parshall No. 1 | Puritan Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 32 | |
| Parshall No. 2 | Puritan Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 168 | |
| Perry | Perry C. & C. Co. | Perryopolis, Pa. | 30 | |
| Plumer | Plumer Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 72 | |
| Republic | Republic I. & S. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 400 | |
| Rich Hill | Rich Hill C. & C. Co. | Outcrop, Pa. | 120 | |
| Rodgers | H. C. Frick Coke Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 125 | 125 |
| Searight | Taylor C. & C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 358 | 200 |
| Shamrock | Fayette Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 260 | 50 |
| Smithfield | Uniontown Coke Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 20 | ... |
| Solon | Prospect C. & C. Co. | New Salem, Pa. | 100 | |
| Sterling | Con. Connellsville C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 130 | 130 |
| Struthers | Struthers C. & C. Co. | Fairbank, Pa. | 200 | |
| Teresa | Sunshine C. & C. Co. | Masontown, Pa. | 150 | |
| Thompson No. 1 | Thompson Con. C. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 160 | 160 |
| Thompson No. 2 | Thompson Con. C. Co. | Pittsburg, Pa. | 240 | 240 |
| Virginia | Con. Connellsville C. Co. | Uniontown, Pa. | 160 | |
| Washington No. 1 | Washington C. & C. Co. | Dawson, Pa. | 500 | 122 |
| Washington No. 2 | Washington C. & C. Co. | Dawson, Pa. | 500 | |
| Whitsett | Kaine & Wilkey C Co | Uniontown, Pa. | 32 | |
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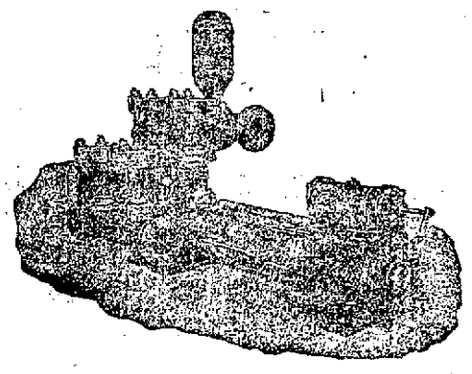
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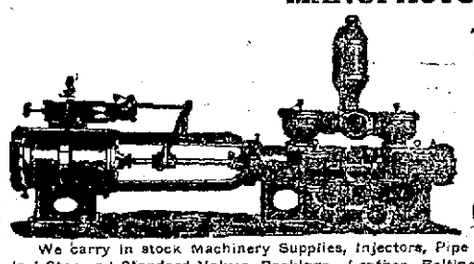
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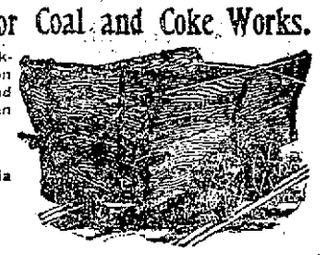
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# Labor World Notes.

Twenty three international labor unions in America paid out sick benefits amounting to $663 430 61 in 1906

James M Lynch, President of the International Typographical Union has announced his candidacy for reelection

The International Slate and Tile Roofers' Union of America will meet in annual convention next week in Cleveland

Twenty one new unions of horse shoers were organized in the State of Massachusetts during the year just ended

The Portland Ore, branch of the International Typographical Union contemplates the formation of a mutual aid society

The salary of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has been raised from $7 000 to $5 000 a year and proportionate increases have been made in the salaries of Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon

Japanese laborers were present as recognized delegates at a convention of District 22 United Mine Workers recently held in Denver It was the first instance of its kind in the history of organized labor in the United States

Granite cutters of the Twin Cities have completed the formation of a union that embraces practically every member of the craft in both Minneapolis and St Paul

The International Typographical Union intends to bring the strike against the New York Methodist Book Concern for an eight hour day before the General Conference which is to meet in Baltimore this year

Census reports show that wages among the shoemakers of the United States have been steadily increasing The shoemakers in the Brockton Mass, factories are said to be the best paid in the world

The societies not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have a membership of about $500 000 which with the total membership of the Federation, makes the aggregate membership of all the labor societies in the United States 2 500 000

A co-operative bank and trust company has been organized in Oklahoma with a capital of $500 000 promoted by the Farmers Union and labor organizations in which no stock will be sold to any but union men

The Amalgamated Engineers Society is credited with being the wealthiest labor union in the world It has a fund of nearly $4 000 000 invested so that the income would render the organization more than self sustaining providing the members paid no dues

The Stove Mounters Union has won a general strike for the nine hour day [illegible] Cincinnati and other cities were the principal centers of the strike but the result extends the shorter work day generally to members of the craft throughout the country

Heretofore the carpenters unions in South Dakota have had a total membership of but a few hundred men A campaign of organization has been under way however with the result that new unions are being formed in Aberdeen and Pierre Flourishing locals already exist in Sioux Falls and Yankton

## NO STRIKE.

**Annual Convention of United Mine Workers Begins at Indianapolis Next Tuesday—Mitchell's Successor**

INDIANAPOLIS Ind Jan 18—Everything is in readiness for the nineteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America which will be called to order in this city next Tuesday morning At this convention John Mitchell who has piloted the organization for a number of years will formerly relinquish the presidency and the tellers will report the result of the recent referendum vote on his successor Though no official announcement has been made it is understood that Vice President T L Lewis is to succeed Mr Mitchell in the presidency

There are many important questions that will confront the delegates to the coming convention among the most important being matters connected with the wage scale The wage agreements between the miners and the operators in the principal fields of the United States and Canada will expire April 1 and the question of renewal is to be brought before the convention There has long been talk that the miners would hold out for better terms and as the demands were not likely to be granted by the operators it seemed that a general strike was among the possibilities Recently however the industrial conditions have brought about a change of mind among the miners and the chances for a strike now appear to be remote The miners will probably endeavor to secure some modifications of the present agreement in their favor but no radical demands are likely to be made by either side so that an amicable agreement will probably be reached without much difficulty The convention will frame the demands of the miners and these will be presented to the joint conference with the operators to be held later

### COAL OPERATORS MEETING

**Called at Pittsburg to Discuss Proposed Mine Legislation**

One most important step by coal operators in the Pittsburg district in relation to mine disasters was taken this week when a call was issued for a special meeting of all operators in the Pittsburg district as soon as convenient It is proposed to appoint a special committee of operators to work in conjunction with the special State commission to study the causes of all mine explosions and the steps necessary to prevent them

This action is in line with the policy of the coal operators to help and in every way advise with the State authorities in this important matter

## GREAT TONNAGE

**Of Somerset & Cambria Branch Will Necessitate the Double Tracking of That Road**

Owners of extensive coal fields along the Somerset & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are making another effort to have the Baltimore & Ohio improve that line Coal operators are arranging to develop large tracts in that section but it is claimed that this work cannot be started until the railroad is improved The railroad company has made two surveys and it is possible that a portion of the road will be rebuilt

The Somerset & Cambria branch extends from Johnstown to Rockwood on the main line Coal operators claim that the development of coal properties in that section has been retarded owing to the failure of the railroad to install adequate facilities for handling the business Two years ago the Baltimore & Ohio double tracked the Somerset & Cambria branch from Rockwood to Quemahoning Junction about ten miles At that time officials of the company claimed that portions of the Johnstown end of the road would have to be rebuilt to eliminate curves and grades before a second track could be laid

Engineers were sent out and two surveys were made These plans have been filed with the officials at Baltimore It was generally believed that the work would be started last summer but owing to the retrenchment policy it was held over for another year Coal operators are anxious to have the improvements completed and it is believed that the Baltimore & Ohio will begin this work early in the summer

## MONONGAH VERDICT.

**Coroner's Jury Relieves Fairmont Coal Company of Blame for Death of Over 300 Miners**

FAIRMONT W Va Jan 16—After deliberating a day and a half following an inquest that lasted a week the Coroner's Jury rendered its verdict yesterday afternoon as to the cause of the recent Monongah mine disaster in which about 360 persons lost their lives The verdict in part is as follows

The jurors find that A H Morris, Charlie McCrane John M McCraw and about 3 0 others (whose names are made a part of the record) came to their deaths December 6 1907 by means of an explosion in the Monongah mines of the Fairmont Coal Company which was caused by either what is commonly known as a blow out shot or by the igniting and explosion of powder in Mine No 8 As to which caused the initial explosion the evidence and opinions of mine experts and other witnesses was conflicting

We further find from the evidence that the amount of gas in these mines was slight and not considered dangerous and that dust which was created was removed and kept watered down as far as was deemed practicable and that in permitting these mines the company complied with the mining laws of the State

Recommendations As there are many unsolved problems connected with coal mine explosions in the United States we recommend that Congress make an appropriation for the establishment of a bureau of investigation and information to [illegible] the study of the various conditions under which explosions occur and as to how they may be prevented

We also recommend the general use of safety or flameless powder which we believe would tend toward greater safety in coal mining and that the firing and handling of explosives used in coal mines be placed in the hands of experienced and competent persons and also that clay or some non combustible matter be used in tamping

Owing to the fact that there are over 10 000 [illegible] employed in the mines of West Virginia we further recommend that four additional district mine inspectors and two inspectors at large be appointed

## MINING LAWS

**In Force in Pennsylvania If Obeyed Coke Men Think Ample for All Safety**

Mining legislation which may result from the recent catastrophes at the Monongah Naomi and Darr mines was discussed at a meeting of the Independent Coke Operators of Fayette and Westmoreland counties last night About 40 companies were represented at the meeting held in Uniontown

The operators expressed their opinion that the present mining laws if enforced are sufficient to prevent any disasters Low coke prices were touched upon but the general opinion appears to be that the outlook is becoming brighter The Membership Committee discussed ways and means of gradually getting all the independent operators in the two counties into the organization and they hope to soon land all

### Flameless Powder

BALTIMORE Md January 15—Powder which requires a dynamite cap to ignite and gives no flame will hereafter be used in the Monongah mines of the Fairmont Coal Company where over 300 men lost their lives early in December and in all the mines of the company in that region which are of a similar formation


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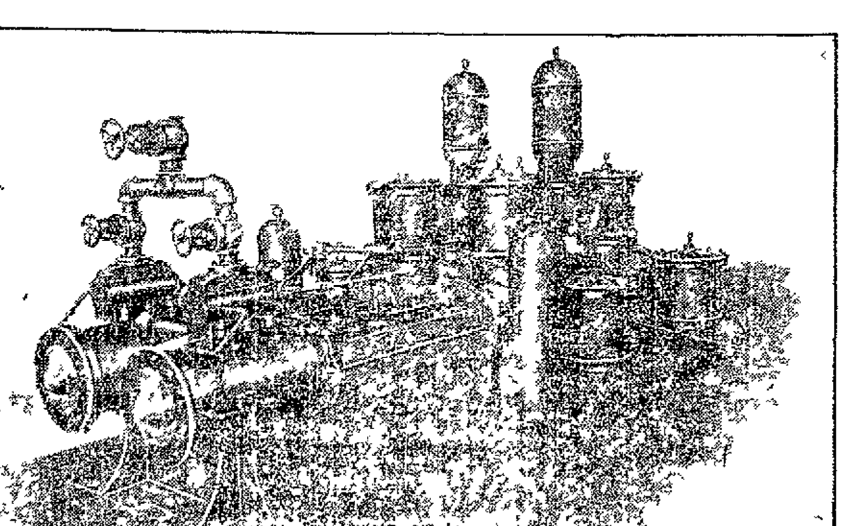
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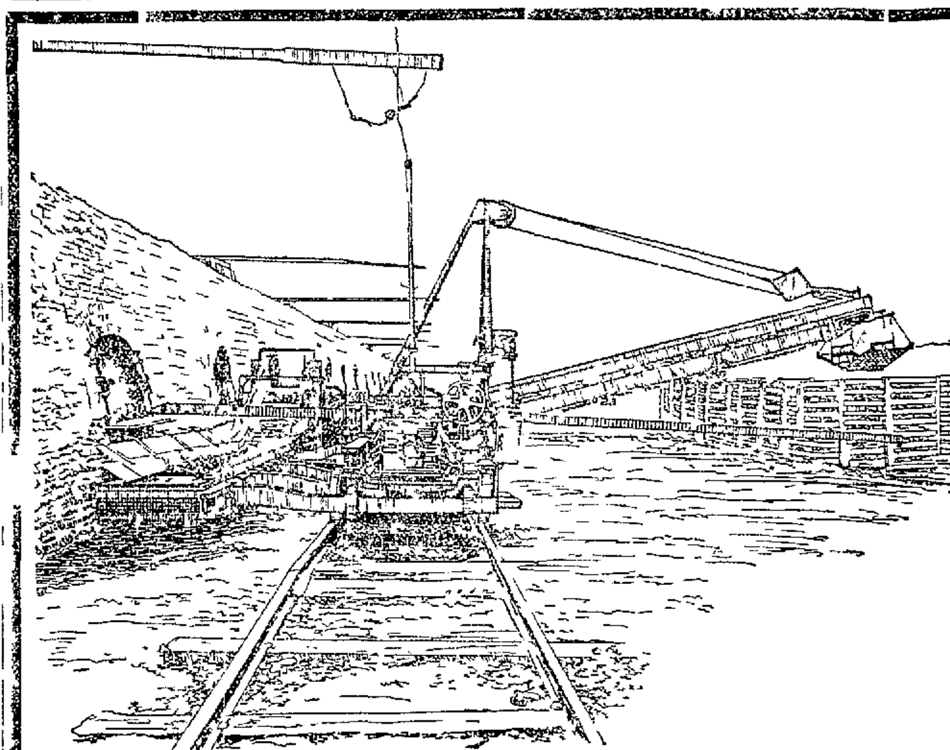
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